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Britain could be ousted from 'G3'

Rivals close ranks against euro chief

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

JOHN MAJOR and Tony Blair were united in condemnation yesterday of a Euro-pean commissioner's call for Britain to be excluded from a seat at world financial summits if it did not join a single currency.

Kenneth Clarke also joined the criticism, so that Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the com-missioner responsible for monetary union, achieved the rare feat of putting the Chancellor on the same side as his sternest Eurosceptic critics.

The Prime Minister described the commissioner's suggestion that Britain would be marginalised if it did not adopt the euro as absurd, arrogant and unacceptable.

Mr de Silguy provoked the controversy in a speech in Washington in which he conjured up an image of a "G3", comprising America, Japan and the EU, taking the place of the G7 group of the West's most prosperous nations. As the euro, the dollar and the become the nant world currencies, Europe would have to speak with one voice, he told the Institute of International Finance.

The commissioner did not name Britain, but if his plan were implemented, the Chancellor and the Governor of the Bank of England would no longer hold regular meetings with their international counterparts. The interests of the pound would also be marginalised in global talks.

Mr de Silguy said economic and monetary union was "irreversible" and the future system of co-ordinating international monetary policy had to be finalised before the launch of the single currency. What will be the framework for this co-ordination?

By PHILIP WEBSTER

ARTHUR LEATHLEY

AND JAMES LANDALE

TONY BLAIR last night in-

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Should the G7 finance format be modified? Should a G3 be created? It will be essential for the euro area to be able to speak with one voice. This will be the case for monetary policy since it will be repre-sented by the president of the European Central Bank.

"But the arrangements for its political representation that is at ministerial level have still to be defined." Both Tory and Labour poli-

ticians pounded on the speech to claim that they would adopt the toughest negotiating stance on Europe. Mr Major told a rally in London's Docklands: "Today & European commissioner has suggested that if Britain does not join the single currency, we would be



winning, it's the taking part that counts"

Final push in marginals

night before he died in 1994.

when he had declared: "Let me

tell you what we want. All we

Mr Blair said: "That is what

we want to ask the British

people over the next few days

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believe we can make this country better. We believe in

the decency and essential good nature of the British people.

We say to them, come out on the first of May and give us

your trust and support and

together we will build a better

As the parties entered their

last frantic 24 hours of cam-

paigning. John Major warned

voters that they faced their

The general election would e a "battle for Britain", he

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marginalised in world discussions. This is absurd and

"London is one of the financial centres of the world and will stay that way. The suggestion that the EU would take over all representation on economic policy for members of the single currency is just the kind of danger I have been warning about."

Mr Blair also made clear that the idea was unacceptable. "There is no question of a Labour government agreeing to the G3 rather than a G7. Under Labour, Britain will retain its seat a the top table of all international summits."

A spokesman for Mr Clarke also dismissed Mr de Silguy's vision. "The existing G7 serves Britain and Europe's interests very well." he said. "We see no need for existing formal arrangements to be altered whether or not Britain joins EMU. Mr de Silguy is obviously speculating out loud, we don't think he is formally

The spokesman would not comment on whether Mr de Silguy had been misguided in making his thoughts public especially as Jacques Santer, the Commission president, was accused of meddling in the British election by attack-

ing Eurosceptics last week. Tory Euro-sceptics were appalled. Iain Duncan-Smith said: "If anybody now still believes that the objective of neople like Mr de Silguy is not the full creation of a European state, then this is the final evidence. Everything that has taken place has been part of that. Mr de Silguy is responsible for the single currency. and clearly understands that. People in Britain must wake

privately resigned to the pros-

pect of defeat, there was no

sign that Mr Major shared

And at his final campaign

rally in London he raised the

spectre of a high-inflation

economy, a powerless nation

and higher crime rates under

a Labour government as he

turned his fire on Mr Blair's

failure to spell out detailed

carefully about what has been

He told voters to think

their view.



Model Caprice is mugged

BY JOANNA BALE AND ADRIAN LEE

CAPRICE BOURRET, the model, was robbed by a gang of youths in a street attack in which her boyfriend was left covered in blood after being

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achieved over the last 18 years. He said that the prosperity hit with a bottle. Three hooded teenagers built up under his leadership and under Baroness Thatcher threatened the 24-year-old forwould not be sustained by a mer Wonderbra model and

attacked her companion. Rob-Labour Government. Mr Blair said he was workert Tchenguiz, shortly after they left a friend's house in ing "flat out" for every vote as he sent nearly 200 former MPs north London to return home. out of their own constituencies Mr Tchenguiz, 35, a London property developer. Continued on page 2, coi i

suffered serious leg injuries when the youths stole a watch. mobile phone and handbag. The attack took place in Stormont Road, Highgate, on

Sunday.
A friend described yesterday how Mr Tchenguiz arrived home with Miss Bourret and had to be helped, covered in blood, upstairs. He was barely able to walk.

"He was a mess and in a lot of pain," said the friend. Mr Tchenguiz's jogging trousers and white T-shirt were bloodstained.

Another friend of the Cali-

fornia-born model said yesterday: "They took everything she had on her, but Caprice did not resist and she was not hurt. Robert was beaten up when he tried to resist."

During a photographic shoot in Piccadilly yesterday. Miss Bourret, who earns an estimated El million a year. said: "I'm fine". Her empty handbag was found in Knightsbridge after the attack.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said that after the mugging, the couple were taken to the Royal Free Hospital. The man was treated and released.

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By Dalya Alberge ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE British Library is exploring plans to introduce charges for its reading room. After 250 years of free access, it plans to broach the subject with its 400,000 readers by distributing a questionnaire this week. Members will be asked how they feel about 21 possible

annual charges, ranging from £50 to £700 for long-term access. The research findings will be presented in to the British Library Board in July for a final decision.

The writers Malcolm Brad-

bury and Antonia Fraser were among regular users who yesterday expressed dismay at the news, arguing that the nation has a basic right to free knowledge. Lady Antonia, who has used

the reading room for 43 years, said: "I think that citizens of this country should unquestionably have their rights to visit freely great collections which have been built up for

Professor Bradbury said: 'it's a world-class research library. It should be available to scholars on the principle of their research."

Etrenne Lymbery, chairman of the British Library Regular Readers' Group, said: 'We are utterly against charges. A lot of people who work in the library are doing specialist research und are very short of money. New do our best to oppose it."

Charging is a last resort for the cash-strapped library whose image has been tarnished by the debacle of the new building in St Pancras. into which it will have moved by 1999 from the British Museum. While the original budget was £116 million, costs have risen to £511 million, though last year's report by the Commons Public Accounts Committee blamed politicians and civil servants rather than the library.

Dr Brian Lang, chief executive of the British Library, defended the proposals: The Library too expresses dismay at having to look at the possibility of charging. "Our grant-in-aid (£87 mil-

lion this year] is dropping. No matter what government comes to power, we expect that to drop. We're under substantial financial pressure."



Taylor: changed the face of football

Courts pay tribute to Lord Taylor

BY FRANCES GIBB LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

COURT hearings were halted yesterday as judges and lawyers gathered to pay tribute to Lord Taylor of Gosforth.

Lord Taylor, who changed the face of football with his report into the Hillsborough disaster and went on to be come an outspoken Lord Chief Justice, died of a brain tumour at his home in Guildord. surrounded by his four children on Monday evening. He would have been 67 tomorrow

The Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, led the tributes to his predecessor. saying: "He spoke out learlessly and eloquently, but without being factious or petty. As leader of the judiciary he commanded, effortlessly, the affection and respect of his fellow judges, and of many others throughout the world. He was loved and admired by those who worked for him. He was above all a wise, just and humane judge."

Lord Taylor was also praised by the football community and the Hillsborough Family Support Group, whose chairman Trevor Hicks said he had broken down barriers between the judiciary and the public. "He will be remembered for his perspicacity, his professionalism, dignity and bravery. We and football will be forever in his debt." Lord Taylor had been

charged with ensuring the future safety of football grounds after 95 people were killed at a 1989 FA Cup semifinal. He recommended the removal of perimeter fences and the introduction of all-seat stadiums. Graham Kelly of the Football Association, said: "Quite simply he changed the face of football."

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BY RUTH GLEDHILL RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

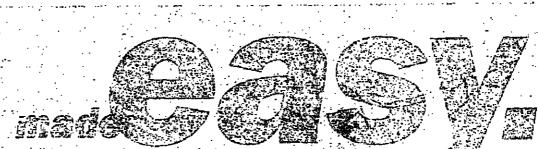
MODERN society had made a god of new technology at the expense of traditional values and language, the Prince of Wales said last night.

In an address at St James's Palace, London, he said: "Many people look in dismay at what has been happening to our language in the very place where it evolved.

"They wonder what it is about our country and society

that our language has become so impoverished, so sloppy and so limited - that we have arrived at such a dismal wasteland of banality, cliche and casual obscenity.

Speaking at a silver jubilee reception for the traditionalist Prayer Book Society, the Prince wondered what it was about tradition and traditional values that "at the mere mention of these words, normally intelligent people go into paroxysms of rage and indigna-Continued on page 2. col 8



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Continued from page I to the marginals that will decide tomorrow's election. A large part of the £3 million given to the party during the campaign is being spent on a last-minute advertising

onslaught.
Throughout the day he warned his own troops against complacency, saying in speech after speech that "it isn't over until it's over."

Mr Blair said the Tories did not deserve to be elected and New Labour certainly was "The Tories have changed for the worst we have changed for the better," he said. Mr Blair, speaking to an audience of 400 party supporters in the Bristol Council offices, said there were many differences between Labour and the Tories. "Here is another one the buck will stop

Mr Major ordered scores of ministers out into the marginals, as well as virtually all the official staff at Central Office Paddy Ashdown's resources also were also being concentrated on his target seats, with the Cowley Street headquarters in London being emptied, amid claims from Liberal Democrat strategists that the party was "close to a breakthrough."

Mr Ashdown had a warning of his own about Labour: "If all that changes on Thursday is the nameplate on Number 10, it will be a disaster for this country.

Mr Major, meanwhile, delivered a stark message: "The country's future, our economy, our nation and the bright prospects for the fututre of Britain hang in the balance."

Mr Major concentrated heavily on the economic growth seen over the last 18 years, emphasising the curbing of inflation as the key achievement.

Earlier yesterday Michael Heseltine told voters that they were "sleepwalking into a nightmare" as he, too, stepped up the fight for the floating

Mr Blair responded angrily to Mr Heseltine's claim. "How arrogant and insulting these Tories are." Mr Blair said. "The disaster is a Tory fifth

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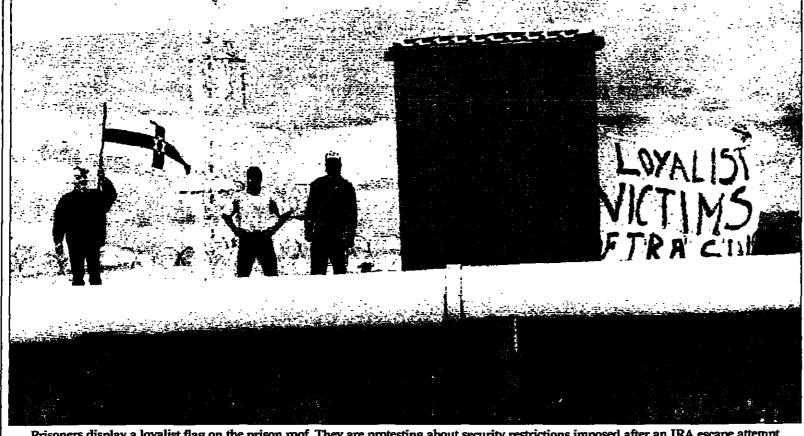
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Prisoners display a loyalist flag on the prison roof. They are protesting about security restrictions imposed after an IRA escape attempt

Loyalists riot in Maze prison

BY RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST prisoners went on the rampage at the Maze jail yesterday in protest at security restrictions imposed after an IRA escape attempt. They climbed the walls of Hblocks in the jail near Lisburn, Co Antrim and set fire to the base of two watchtowers in exercise yards. Smoke rose above the jail as prisoners on the roof unfurled a banner bearing the words:

Loyalist Victims of IRA sins".

houses hundreds of republican and loyalist terrorists, erupted when the loyalists were penalised for refusing to be locked into the cells for headcounts twice a day.

Managers at the jail with-

drew prison officers from Hblocks 1 and 2 after the prisoners emerged onto the

Last night Billy Wright, a leading loyalist terrorist who was transferred to the Maze on Friday, said he would join the protest. Wright, from Portadown, Co Armagh is serving eight years for threat- in extreme compassionate cir-

ening to kill a woman. Republican prisoners have co-operated with the tough

new security measures imposed as a result of an IRA attempt to tunnel out of the Maze last month. The loyalists oppose the tougher measures. including full searches, twicedaily head counts and random cell checks and say they are being penalised because of IRA activities.

The Prison Service punished the loyalists by denying family visits and suspending all temporary releases except

cumstance. Relatives of loyalist prisoners protested at the punishment outside the prison gates and relatives of republican prisoners leaving the prison were abused.

John White, spokesman for the Ulster Democratic Party. which has close links with the outlawed Ulster Defence Association, said: The prisoners are very, very angry. They see this as a form of collective punishment."

Mr White warned the government: "It is going to get very seriously out of hand if is not only an issue involving the prisoners, it has taken on greater proportions on the

"There is a great deal of anger and frustration outside too and I am fearful it may get out of control altogether."

Alan Shannon, chief executive of the Northern Ireland Prison Service, said the day's events had not taken him by surprise. "I said it would be a bit of an uphili struggle because the prisoners had been telling us they were not at all happy with what we were

Police avert chaos by ignoring bomb hoax

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

SCOTLAND Yard yesterday thwarted an attempt by the IRA to bring one of the busiest sections of the M25 to a standstill by ignoring a hoax bomb

Police in Kent, Surrey and Hertfordshire also received threats. They decided to close more than 40 miles of the motorway, causing lengthy traffic jams around the South Mimms service area and links to the Channel ports via the M20 and M26.

The terrorist warnings began just before 7am. One threatened the M25 between junction 14 near Heathrow

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and junction 16 with the M40. The area includes the junction with the M4 where there are roadworks, which is routinely one of the most congested

Yesterday Scotland Yard decided to let traffic continue as the road was checked for bombs. A spokesman said the decision had been based on a professional assessment taking into account the nature of the threat. The Yard has built up considerable expertise in its joint Special Branch/Anti-Terrorist Branch control room to ssess each warning.

However, motorists have made their own assessment of the threats, and are giving up using the motorways and

turning to smaller road systems, the AA said yesterday. The volume of traffic on the A-road network was growing daily, and there was evidence that drivers were postponing trips in the hope they would not face jams.

The Freight Transport Association said the six days of IRA disruption during the election campaign had cost the industry at least £30 million. The cost to smaller hauliers, private and company car drivers could be at least

Police say that the number of bombwarning calls where a device is actually planted has fallen during the campaign from one in two calls to one in seven. The IRA callers appear to have adapted to counter the Home Office's advice to companies about bomb threats, and are careful not to leave any clues by using fake accents, going from telephone kiosk to telephone kiosk, and calling nursing homes, hospitals, and on two

ocscasions private homes. Yesterday the MI was closed for seven miles for over three hours; a 20mile section of the M5 was closed for three hours; sections of the M3 and M27 in Hampshire were shut; incoming flights to Southampton airport were halted: and Terminal Two at Heathrow and Gatwick's north and south terminals were all partially

BT trims national calls price by 10%

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH Telecom yesterday reduced the prices of national calls by 10 per cent and eliminated the price difference between national and regional calls. The changes, which will save customers about £90 million a year, are expected to trigger price reductions among rival operators.

BT said the latest cuts raised the total customer savings to £409 million since last August. Under a price reduction formula imposed by Oftel, the telecommunications regula-tor, BT must increase the total savings to £417 million by the end of July. The price cutting

will continue next year. The company admitted that mounting competition was also behind the latest move. BT is losing more than 50,000 customers a month to the

cable-telephone companies. whose prices are generally 10

per cent to 20 per lower. From May 29, the price of a national daytime call on BT's network will fall 10 per cent to to 7.91p a minute, including VAT. The price of a regional call - non-local calls under 35 miles - will decline by 3.8 per cent to the same level. Prices for evening and weekend calls are unchanged.

Since September, when BT launched a series of reductions on all types of call, the cost of a five-minute national call has come down from 49p to 40p, a

saving of 18 per cent.
The cable companies said their national call prices were still cheaper that BT's. Nonetheless, they are expected to drop their prices to maintain

BA plans to move from Paris airport

British Airways is planning to switch all of its Paris services away from Charles de Gauile airport because of concerns over security. The company is concerned that Air Algerie, which has been a target for terrorists, has been allowed to open a check-in desk next to its own at the airport.

Yesterday BA checked in passengers at a nearby hotel rather than risk operating next to the Air Algérie desk. George Cooper, BA's European director, said this had caused "unacceptable" disruption for passengers. Last night the airline applied to the French civil aviation authority for approval to move its Paris services to Orly airport from May 1. Mr Cooper said: "The poor level of customer service we are, currently offering at Charles de Gaulle is a direct result of our security concerns. I cannot allow it to continue. Our passengers and staff are fed up with the disruption."

The switch would affect up to 60 services a day and involve 6,000 passengers on flights from 13 British airports including Heathrow, Gatwick, Manchester, and Edinburgh. BA is particularly concerned that, unlike other French airports, Charles de Gaulle has not laid on any extra security for the resumption of Air Algeric flights.

Firefighters locked out

Striking firefighters were locked out of fire stations throughout Essex yesterday in a tough response by their employers which effectively prolonged the men's second 24-hour stoppage by 15 hours. The Fire Brigades Union warned of a growing risk of industrial action spreading nationally if Essex County Council carried out its threat of suspending firemen indefinitely. The all-day stoppage was timed to begin at 00.01 yesterday and end at the same time today. But, because watch patterns conflicted with the timing of the stoppage, the council refused to allow the men into stations for six hours before the start of the action and for nine hours after it officially ended. The council said temporary suspensions were imposed because firefighters were in

New Aids vaccine hope

An experimental Aids vaccine has successfully protected two chimpanzees against HIV infection, a team from the University of Pennsylvania has reported in Nature Medicine. The results raise hopes that a human vaccine based on the same principles and now in preliminary trials may prove successful. The virus was briefly detectable at low levels in the vaccinated chimps about six to eight weeks after infection, but then disappeared. This implies that the animals' immune system was able to fight off the disease.
"We will have to wait to see whether this vaccine will become an HIV-1 vaccine" said team leader Dr David Weiner. "A great deal of additional work remains to be done before we can say that. But these results do give us confidence to go

Car firms go by bike

Car manufacturers have given motorists some unexpected advice: cut pollution and congestion by leaving your car at home. Volvo has said that while there is still an important place for the car, "we all have to accept that there are times when it is not sensible to use a car. A third of journeys are shorter than a mile-and-a-half." It said that in the first mile of a journey a car emits 60 per cent more pollutants thanwhen it has warmed up, and the petrol consumption is very heavy - the car does as few as six miles to the gallon. Next month Vauxhall is to begin a car-share scheme and transport pool among almost 1,000 of its employees at its headquarters at Luton. Bedfordshire. The company said: 'We are trying to make our environment here at Luton better for everyone."

Judge splits Sikh family

A teenage Sikh girl caught in the middle of her parents' sep aration was granted her wish to remain with her mother in Scotland instead of returning to a strict Punjabi way of life with her father and younger brothers in Canada. But Sudesh Singh. 35. mother of Gurwinder, 14, last night spoke of her horror that her son Jothan, 10, should be sent to Canada. "Jothan doesn't want to go. He made that quite plain." She vowed to appeal against the decision by Lord Macfadyen at the Court of Session. Avtar Singh and his wife and three children arrived in Scotland last August for a family funeral. Mr Singh then returned to Ontario with Ranjit, 3, but his wife refused to go and remained in Scotland with the other two children. He brought the custody action, citing the Hague Convention on child abduction.

Floor-birth mother sues

A baby suffered brain damage after being delivered on the floor hours after a hospital sent his mother home to her lodgings, the High Court in London was told yesterday. Francesca Brock-Hollinshead, 22, of Cranleigh, Surrey, is claiming damages from Bromley Health Authority. Her counsel told the court that staff at Farnborough Hospital in Orpington knew that the child was in breech position and that his delivery would be "high risk". But they failed to carry out a Caesarean on the day the baby was due and sent the mother home, telling her to return the next day to be induced. Ambulance staff resuscitated baby Oscar after 25 minutes, but were too late to prevent brain damage that means he will require constant care all his life.

The authority denies negligence. The case continues.

Secrets and Lies is Bafta's outstanding British film

MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MIKE LEIGH'S moving and poignant comedy about family life, Secrets and Lies, took three honours at the British Academy Awards last night. The English Patient. Antho-

ny Minghella's £20 million epic wartime love story, also took three awards - including best film and best adapted screenplay for Minghella. The French actress Juliette Binoche repeated her Oscars success by taking the best

supporting actress award.
But Mike Leigh's lowbudget drama, which failed to capture a prize at last month's Oscars, took the Alexander Korda Award for the year's outstanding British film. Leigh won best original screenplay and Brenda Blethyn, best actress.

The Bafta best actor-award went to Australia's Geoffrey Rush; star of the film Shine. The awards at the Royal Albert Hall in London were presented by Lenny Henry and attended by Bafta's pa-

ron, the Princess Royal. The



Leigh: film-maker wins honours in own country

jury honoured Britain's two most-viewed television programmes: ITV's Coronation Street took the Lew Grade Award for a significant popular programme; BBC's East-Enders was ! est drama series.

The BBC2 drama Our Friends in the North was best drama serial, and won best actress for Gina McKee. Its writer, Peter Flannery, won the Denné Potter award. Nigel Hawthorne was best ision act for The Fragile Heart. Other winners:

David Lean award for direction, Joel Coen for the film Fargo. ☐ Best supporting actor (film), Paul Scofield (The Crucible).
☐ Best film not in English. ☐ Best short film, Des Marjorettes dans L'Espace.

☐ Best short animated film, The □ Best short animated film, The Old Lady and The Pigeon.
 □ Best factual series. The House.
 □ Best light entertainment programme, Shooting Stars.
 □ Best comedy. Only Fools and Hugh Wheldon award for best

arts programme, Leaving Home. ☐ Best children's programme, Shakespeare Shorts: Romeo and ☐ Flaherty documentary award.

Fermat's Last Theorem. ☐ Best light entertainment performance, John Bird and John Formance, tune in Rory Bremner, Who Else? ☐ Best comedy performance, David Jason. ☐ Best news coverage. BBC

Newsnight's BSE coverage. ☐ Best sports coverage, BBCl's Euro 96 coverage. Best talk show, Mrs Merton's Christmas Show, ☐ Richard Dimbleby award for

most important personal contribution (factual TV). Robert Hughes, ☐ Best foreign TV programme.

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Prince

Continued from page 1 tion, even vilification." He went on to suggest that this was because opponents of tradition felt threatened.

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"It is as if tradition represented the enemy of man's lofty ambition: the primitive force which acts as an unwelcome reminder ... of the ultimate folly of believing that the purpose and meaning of life ... lie in creating a material form of Utopia, a world in which technology becomes a virtual reality god, the arbiter of virtual reality ethics, and thus the eventual murderer of the soul of man-

Tradition, the Prince said, was not a man-made element but a "God-given awareness" of the natural rhythms of life and nature



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DPP to investigate drug clinic death of IRA bomb survivor

By Ian Murray MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A CORONER is to refer the case of a man who survived the Aldwych bus bomb but died after private treatment for heroin addiction to

the Director of Public Prosecutions. Paul Knapman, the Westminster. Coroner, adjourned the inquest on Brendan Woolhead after two experts said he had died as a result of "grossly negligent" and "very dangerous" treatment at the Wellbeck Hospital in Marylebone, London.

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evidence had developed differently to what he had expected and it would be submitted to the DPP or Crown Prosecution Service to consider whether charges should be laid. We are approaching the possibili-

ty of criminal matters," he said. The inquest was told that Mr Woolhead, 34, suffered serious head and pelvis injuries when the bomb went off last February, killing the IRA terrorist who was carrying it. Mr Woolhead, a longterm drug addict, left hospital after two weeks and went to convalesce Dr Knapman said the inquest at home in Swords, Co Dublin.

Last October he went to the Wellbeck Hospital for an "ultra-rapid opiate detoxification treatment" to wean him off heroin. The addict is given a general anaesthetic over six hours so they are unconscious during the worst per-

iod of withdrawal symptoms. Thirty hours after the detoxificafion began Mr Woolhead went into a convulsion and his heart stopped on October 3 last year. The detoxification treatment was developed in Vienna in 1988 and is widely used in Austria, Germany and Holland. The allegation of negligent treat-

addiction behaviour called by Mr Woolhead's family. Griffith Edwards, of the Maudsley Hospital, London, said the Wellbeck Hospital had made "manifestly false" claims about the treatment to Mr Woolhead. Professor Edwards criticised claims that the treatment was "unique in its efficiency" and

withdrawal symptoms. In his opinion, Mr Woolhead signed a "consent document" that did not amount to informed permission, so the treatment was an

that the patient would suffer no

view. Claims that the treatment was "completely safe" were un-doubtedly false, he said.

"My view is that this man died as a result of the grossly negligent treatment given by the Wellbeck Hospital," he said.

Robert Kerwin, another expert from the Maudsley, said he was certain Mr Woolhead died as a result of the "reckless" way the treatment had been administered. He said the recklessness included giving Mr Woolhead 15 different drugs and using an untested theraor safety guidelines.

In his opinion, the treatment was dangerous and unethical. "It's like driving a car over a narrow bridge at great speed, not knowing what is on the other side." The treatment involved an obvious and serious risk to the patient who should have been advised of this before it was carried out, the professor said. "In my opinion, this man certainly died as a result of the treatment he

Gary Gerson, consultant anaes-thetist at the Wellbeck, said he had

had suffered severe head injuries recently. The inquest was told that Mr Woolhead had agreed with doctors that he could take a dose of heroin one last time before the treatment began. High levels of methadone, a heroin substitute, and morphine were found in his blood. Dr Gerson said he "didn't see it was possible" that Mr Woolhead had taken the doses inside the clinic.

Dr Knapman adjourned the case. The same jury will reconvene

Judge says singer did have passionate and turbulent relationship with musician

Boy George wins action over homosexual affair

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

BOY GEORGE did have a homosexual affair with the rock musician Kirk Brandon, a High Court judge ruled

Mr Justice Douglas Brown said there was overwhelming evidence that the two men had enjoyed a brief passionate and turbulent physical homo-sexual affair" in the early 1980s. The eyes of the 35-yearold Culture Club lead singer filled with tears as the judge said he was an "impressive"

Mr Brandon, 40, already bankrupt and unable to pay any part of the estimated £200,000 costs of his failed "malicious falsehood" action, remained unbowed.

He swore later to renew his claim that Boy George lied when he wrote of a "one hundred nights of love" homosexual relationship in his autobiography. Take It Like A Man. and expressed his feelings about the end of an affair in a song, Unfinished Business.

The judge told Mr Brandon that he was a decent and talented man but that he had not been truthful about his phys-



Kirk Brandon with his wife and daughter yesterday

ical relationship with George (real name George O' Dowd).

Mr Brandon, who has a Danish wife, Christina, and a daughter, Siff, argued his case without lawyers. He had claimed that Boy George's tale of gay love was fabricated and born out of a thwarted obsession. The allegations, he said, had wrecked his career.

The former Culture Club front man had told the court that he had met Mr Brandon in a London pub and after a few weeks began a sexual rela-

nade on the chicken. I said

He claimed that he

shrugged "like an Italian" and

as he put his arms up in that

gesture the knife entered his partner's body, Mr Waters

said. The accused told police:

"I didn't realise I had a knife

in my hand. Graham then

stepped back and there was

lots of blood and he fell into

the hallway. It was nothing.

Nothing we said amounted to

A police investigation re-vealed that the pair had been

rowing earlier in a local pub.

had thrown their rings across

the bar and stormed out

was followed by a loud crash

and the victim saying: "Christ,

Mr Waters added that the

track of the knife wound was

downwards, which did not fit

in with the defendant's story

that he accidentally stabbed

him when he moved his hand

the knife penetrated a full eight inches to the hilt.

through a rib bone and piercing the heart. The defendant

had also claimed initially that

his lover had accidentally

Mr Hawkes, of West Dray-

ton, west London, denies mur-

der on August 25 last year. The

Macdonald clan chief sees red

over Big Mac's lowland tartan

fallen on the knife.

you've done it now

Later a policeman who lived downstairs heard the men screaming at each other. This

separately, Mr Waters said.

'Don't be silly'.'

an argument."

tionship when Mr Brandon asked if he could stay over af-ter a night out. Mr Justice Brown said: "Mr Brandon said he knew Mr O'Dowd was a homosexual who was sexually interested in him and yet went straight into his bed without protest and without asking if there was alternative

accommodation either, in another bed or settee or floor." The judge added that it was extremely difficult to believe Mr Brandon's claim that Boy George had never made a pass

at him during the next few months in which they had shared a bed several times.

The judge said it was not suggested in Boy George's book that after 1981 Mr Brandon, who went on to achieve musical success with the bands Theatre of Hate and Spear of Destiny, had behaved in anything other than a heterosexual way. While Mr O'Dowd had admitted that he had told lies in the past about his heroin addiction, he was "impressive witness" whose evidence he accepted.

"Mr O'Dowd was clearly not malicious in stating that which he knew to be true ... The allegations of malice are quite hopeless and should never have been brought."

Outside court, as he hugged his wife and daughter, Mr Brandon said: "I will fight to clear my name in whatever court or country I see fit, England or the US," he said. Surrounded by friends and

supporters, Boy George said the court case had been "ridic-ulous". "Yesterday I said I loved him. I don't feel any-thing for him today. I certainly don't hate him . . . He knew he was lying, knew everthing he said was untrue. He has caused himself a lot of hurt."



Boy George, an "impressive" witness, emerging victorious from the High Court

Mormon bishop in sex cases is cleared

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

A MORMON bishop was yesterday cleared of 19 charges of sexually molesting women members of his congregation, but faces the possibility of another trial.

Peter Gibson, 72, showed no emotion as the jury delivered its verdicts at the end of a twoweek trial at Liverpool Crown Court. He had denied allegations by six members of his congregation at Mill Bank Chapel, in the Stoneycroft area of Liverpool, and another young girl, spanning two

They said that the bishop — the equivalent of a priest in the Church of England - took every opportunity to touch them sexually. Mr Gibson denied the allegations in court and during police interviews, claiming he was the victim of a conspiracy of liars.

The jury of seven women and five men could not come to a verdict on six outstanding charges after more than ten hours' deliberation. They told Judge Donald Hart that there was no prospect of their reaching a verdict on the charges, which related to four of the women. The judge allowed Mr Gibson bail until May 16. when a decision will be taken on whether to proceed with those charges.

Gay man 'stabbed lover in row over chicken marinade'

By JOANNA BALE

A MAN was stabbed to death by his gay lover after criticising the amount of marinade needed for chicken as they prepared for a barbecue, the

Old Bailey was told yesterday. Steven Hawkes, who had lived with his partner Graham Hawkes for two years, stabbed him with a single blow in the chest, using a kitchen knife with an eightinch blade, David Waters, for the prosecution, said.

They had earlier pledged their commitment to each other at the Brompton Oratory in west London. Mr Waters said: "It was not a formal ceremony, but they went there to commit

"Sometimes, ironically, people are very fond of each other and perhaps love each other, which gives rise to a single act which causes the death of the other, which gives rise to instant regret. This is one such case."

He said Steven Hawkes had consistently maintained" the death was an accident. The two men had been rowing all day and when Graham Hawkes, 35, criticised his lover's culinary expertise it was the final straw, it was said.

Steven Hawkes, 36, who had changed his name to that of his partner after exchanging rings with him, told police: "I was preparing a chicken dish for a barbecue for the next day. Graham said that I was putting too much mariinterviews

By JOANNA BALE

evidence.

better ten years on. Channel 4 said that it will not include tapes that might be used in court.

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TV to show police tapes of abuse

POLICE were criticised yesterday for giving a television company videotaped interviews with children in an alleged abuse case. Diverse Productions is making three documentaries for Channel 4 about child protection and problems in obtaining

The Death of Childhood is to be screened in May and June and re-examines the Cleveland child sex abuse scandal. It asks whether children are protected any

"We show a few seconds of the warm-up part of the interview, to give an idea of how a child is questioned," a spokes man said. Northumbria Police said: "We have released some film of interviews with youngsters but only after receiving the express permission of the parents or guardians in each case. None of the youngsters could possibly be identified the material we

in the upwards movement of a shrug. The court was told that Tony Flynn, the leader of Newcastle upon Tyne City Council, expressed concern over police providing tape extracts from an investigation into alleged abuse at one of the authority's nurseries. The case against two nursery nurses collapsed in 1994 after the judge refused to allow videotaped interviews with children



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The clan's bright red, green

and navy tartan has been

burgundy, green and navy of

lowland rival the Clan Lind-

the burger chain. Workers at

its British outlets will wear a

new uniform featuring waist-

rejected in favour of the

say by staff at McDonald's,

descendant.

of the Macdonald family, accused the burger giant of However, he added: "In a

THE historic Macdonald tar-tan has been spurned by the fast-food retailer had no respect for the family name it promoted around the world. Lord Macdonald, of Sleat,

By A Staff Reporter

Skye, said: "Whether or not McDonald's is actually run by a bona fide member of the Macdonald clan today is not important. What is important is that they are held to be one of the world's most famous promoters of the Macdonald clan through association.

"Surely if they are going to dress their staff in tartan uniforms then they should dress them in the Macdonald

way I am quite glad they have the Clan Macdonalds by not choosing our tartan. I pity the Lindsays. Last night a spokesman for

McDonald's said the food chain regretted if it had upset any members of the Macdonald clan. He said they had been considering a uniform change for their waitressing and counter staff for some time and had recently commissioned a Scots designer to brighten up tunics. He said the Lindsay tartan had been chosen because it was a more commercially pleasing shade than the Macdonald tartan.

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Detective paid £60,000 for 'ugly' Rembrandt

AN UNDERCOVER policeman was sold a stolen picture of a woman "so ugly that only her son would have painted it" without one of the vendors realising it was Portrait of his
Mother by Rembrandt, a
court was told yesterday.

The portrait, valued at

£300,000, was completed in about 1629 and had been in the Earl of Pembroke's family for more than 300 years. It was stolen from the Great Ante Room in Wilton House, belonging to the Earl, in Salisbury, Wiltshire, on November 5, 1994, so that the noise of fireworks would drown the alarm.

The undercover officer. named only as James in court, paid £60,000 for the portrait. It was among valuable an-tiques and objets d'art recovered when police broke up a national trade in stolen trea-sures, Newcastle upon Tyne Crown Court was told.

The men who negotiated selling the stolen goods had little regard for the quality of the Rembrandt. They referred The Old Lady", and one was



Mr Duddin and detail from the Rembrandt

heard to observe it was so ugly that only her son would have painted it.

The jury was told that all the pieces had been handled David Duddin, 51, from Newcastle. Mr Duddin denies six counts of handling stolen goods, including three silver-gilt honey jars with spoons from Floors Castle, Kelso; and a walking stick made from the spear that killed Captain Cook, taken from a house in Coldstream.

William Lowe, QC, for the prosecution, said there was no suggestion that Mr Duddin

How many extra orders will you take

was involved in any of the thefts, but the prosecution would prove that he had handled the stolen pieces. Mr Duddin and others were meetings early last year with the undercover police officer, who posed as an expert adviser to blackmarket contacts in the antiques world.

James agreed to buy stolen silver for £5,500, a quantity of swords for £4,500 and paintings for a further £5,000. Police then returned the property to its owners.

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the Rembrandt, but offered E60,000 plus a payment of E3,000 to Mr Duddin for his part At a meeting in London he was allowed to inspect the work. A sale was agreed. James, who gave evidence

from behind a screen, said he was introduced to Mr Duddin by a man called Vincent, who was described as a financer of deals. They told Mr Duddin they were looking for antiques to sell on the American market. The officer said: "We were discussing a painting attributed to Rembrandt. I was aware that it was stolen. I said we would have to do some research and try to authenticate it before coming to some decision on price. Dave said he had been assured the painting was a Rembrandt and was worth a lot of money

"He said the painting was now in London with somone £75,000 in getting it that far. Dave said he had some other eces we might be interested n. He asked if we would consider silver or paintings of English country scenes and sports. The trial continues.



The youngest Tordoff at the reunion, Laura, 4, with Maurice Tordoff, 72

Search for family tree brings world's branches together

WHEN Lord Tordoff's family rew tired of people asking if their surname was Russian, they decided to trace their roots. They did not bargain on an invitation to a family reunion in a village hall in west Yorkshire at which 300 people were present.

There was a Buddhist monk from Singapore, an American clown, a novelist and a documentary film maker from Devon, but not a single Russian. Which was not surprising as Tordoff is an old Yorkshire name dating back to the late 16th century. It is possibly a corruption of the Viking name Thiodwulf,

meaning lone wolf.

Lord Tordoff, the former
Liberal Democrat Chief Whip and now chairman of the-European Select Committee in the Lords, travelled from his home in Somerset with his ster. Barbara, for Wi billed as Tordoff Day.

He said: "The turnout has been spectacular. We have iust spent all day talking to people and finding out more about our family. We have found our great aunt's grand-daughter here, which fills in a missing part of our family tree. By coincidence, she is a friend of a friend of our daughter in New Zealand."

The idea for a reunion

pendently researched their family backgrounds. Fraser Tordoff, a warden at Holy Trinity Church in Queensbury, where the re-union was held at the weekend, has gone back as far as three brothers who in the late

developed after Fraser Tordoff, a Bradford solicitor.

contacted Ruth Keyworth.

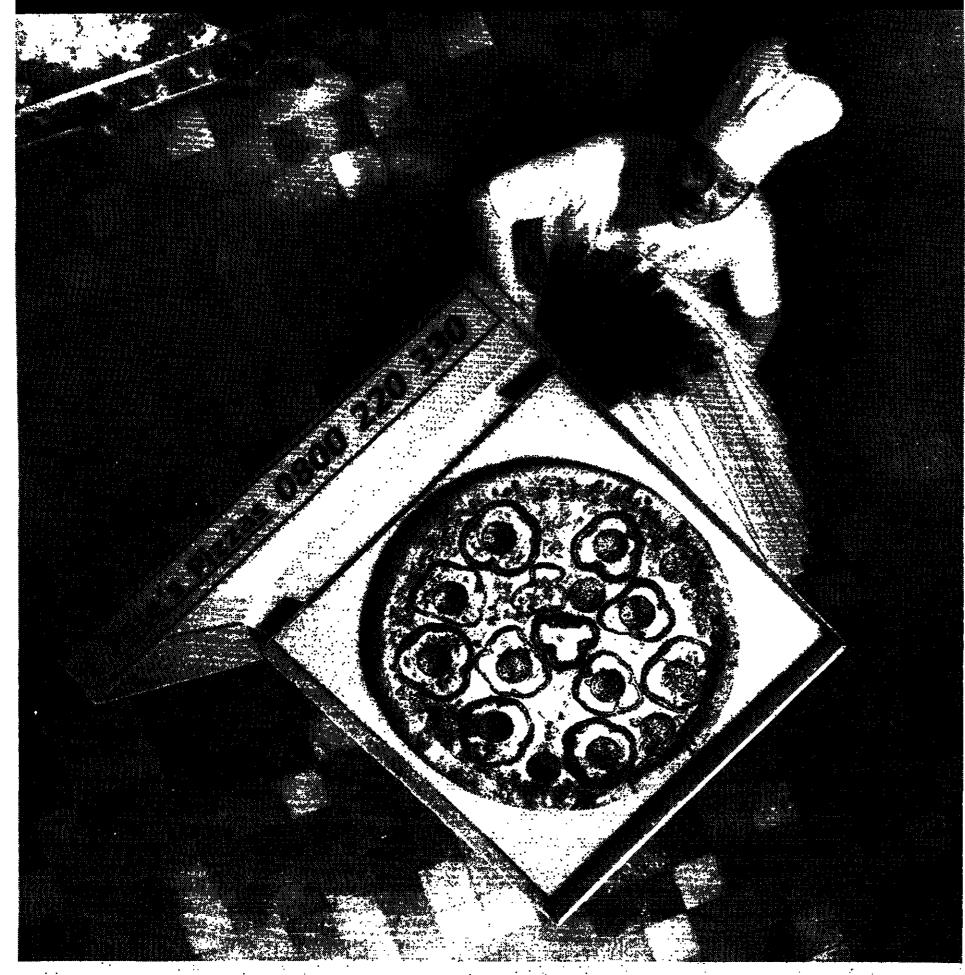
journalist, as they both inde-

brother Courtney Tordoff is a senior BBC

1500s ran a smallholding in Bradford, "Most families come from that root," he said, but there is also a theory we have links with Scotland and may have been related to Bonnie Prince Charlie. There is a place called Torduff on the Solway Firth.

The event was billed: "A celebration of being a Tordoff, being married to a Tordoff, of being descended Tordoff said: "When you talk of family histories, it sounds dry and boring, but it comes to life when you meet relatives

who can trace ancestors." Mrs Keyworth, 44, from Telford, Shropshire, said: "I think it's wonderful. People who have come have had a pleasant time, and perhaps discovered distant relatives. Maybe we'll have another one



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Low-fat Mars Bar is light years away from chocolate

BRITISH chocolate, already criticised by the European Union as a fraud upon the public, took another step towards degradation yesterday with the launch of two new "low-fat" chocolate bars by the confectionery firm Mars UK.

The move was condemned by chocolate purists as a further corruption of a product whose chocolate content is already so low that it had been suggested that it should be renamed "vegolate", to reflect the fact that much of its fat content derives not from cocoa

butter but from vegetable oil.

The advertising for the new
Mars products is pitched at weight-watching women, suggesting that some long await-ed moment has finally come which will transform their lives. This was rejected by WeightWatchers and medical authorities, who pointed out that the sugar content is still extremely high - though unquantified on the wrappings and that fat, even when reduced, is still fat.

In taste tests in the offices of The Times, it seemed that the Mars technologists had at

r family

S World,

together



Once bitten: a taster takes Flyte and finds it too sweet

daily recommended total for

many people. A spokesman for WeightWatchers said:

The difference is largely cos-

metic. No woman should

think this is something she can eat regularly and hope to

The other new product, a

bar called Flyte (30p for a

45gm twin-pack), is described

as the country's first low-fat,

mainstream chocolate bar. It

has a whipped centre and

"only half the fat of ordinary milk chocolate". Tasters in

The Times vesterday com-

plained that it was tooth-

retain her figure."

least fulfilled their claim to have reduced the fat content of the Mars Bar without compromising its taste. With portions of bars sliced into similarly shaped chunks, no one could reliably distinguish the new Mars Light from the original.

The total proportion of fat in a Mars Light is 13 per cent, compared to 17.5 per cent in the standard product. The new bar is also smaller (but costs the same at 27p) so its fat content is about half that in the standard. It boasts "only 150 calories a bar", though that is still about a tenth of the

about 30 per cent fat by weight, and has a calorie count of about 500 per 100g (or 3½ oz). Chocolate with a high cocoa content is argued to be beneficial because it boosts serotonin and endorphin levels in the brain, producing a so-called "chocolate high". It also contains the stimulants theobromine and caffeine.

or no taste of chocolate.

Most chocolate contains

Mars is spending £8 million advertising Flyte nationwide and Mars Light for trials in the HTV and TSW television regions. A spokesman for the hocolate Society, a fan club for chocolate with high cocoa content, said: This is a sad day for Britain. These products are not healthy, they are not slimming, and they are not chocolate."

🛘 A flavoured milk drink with 5 per cent alcohol has been criticised by Alcohol Concern as a lure to teenagers. Moo, which comes in strawberry and banana flavours, has been launched in Oxfordshire and could soon be sold nationwide. The makers, En-Toute-Caisse of Witney, insist it is aimed at the over-18s.



Sandra Hurley yesterday. She wept during evidence

orders.

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Doctor 'dismissed worry over late pregnancy as silly'

A WOMAN who gave birth to a Down's syndrome baby at the age of 35 had been told that she was silly to ask for a prenatal test, the High Court in London was told yesterday. Sandra Hurley, now 42, from Aldershot, Hampshire, said that a military doctor dismissed her worries and refused to give her an amniocentesis test at a consultation in 1990. She gave birth to Matthew, now six, who needs constant care.

Mrs Hurley, who has two other children, said that Major Lawrence Roberts of Cambridge Military Hospital, Aldershot, told her the test was expensive and carried a 1 per

cent chance of miscarriage.

Mrs Hurley is suing the Ministry of Defence for medi-cal negligence. Major Roberts said that it was hospital policy not to consider amniocentesis tests for women aged 35.

Mrs Hurley said: "I knew there was something wrong woman's intuition. He was arrogant and laid back about the whole thing. It was a case of. You're being silly, your



Matthew, 6, requires

Hurley, who wept as she gave evidence, said that she would have terminated the pregnan-cy if Down's syndrome had been detected. Major Roberts. who left the Army as a lieutenant-colonel, and is consultant in obstetrics and gynaecology at Scunthorpe General Hospital, denied telling Mrs Hurley that she carried the same risks as a 26year-old. He agreed that he would have advised her not to take the test. The case



Save your arteries and stick to fruit

THE metabolism of a bar of irremediably saturated. Only chocolate — "low fat" or not is rather more complex, but long-term effects, than is usu-

Christine Williams, Professor of Human Nutrition at Reading University, said yesterday. "People who are trying to cut their fat intake often fail just because of an inordinate love of chocolate, and so this new low-fat bar may be helpful. In any case, a small amount of chocolate every day is unlikely to create health problems, but chocolate bars, low fat or otherwise, shouldn't be a significant part of the

The fat content of a chocolate bar is derived from three sources, the cocoa bean, milk and cream, and vegetable oil. The cocoa fat is a saturated fat, but it seems that as it is composed of the fatty stearic acid it may not raise the blood-cholesterol level. When stearic acid is acted on by an enzyme in the body, it is partly converted to oleic acid, which is a beneficial fatty acid found in olive oil.

Regrenably, most of the dairy produce fatty acids found in a bar of chocolate are

a small proportion are oleic acid. A bar of chocolate is also rich in sucrose, and therefore contains some fructose. Cardiologists are now regarding fructose with some suspicion as it seems that it may increase the level of triglyceride, another fat circulating in the blood, by stimulating its production in the liver. There is evidence that there is a relationship between the level of triglyceride in the blood after food, the length of time this triglyceride level is raised. and heart disease.

That link could result in the office worker who has a bar of orange at the desk dealing a double whammy to his or her arteries. The orange juice. late triglyceride production from the chocolate bar laden with saturated fats from the milk, and together raise the blood triglycerides and cholesterol to undesirable levels. It would be better to have the glass of orange by itself mid-

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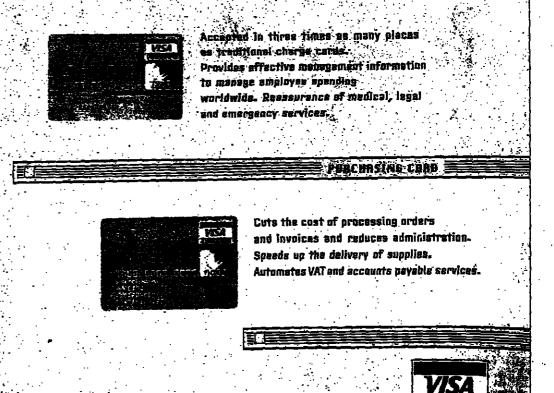
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Veterans offered £1,000 prize in Gulf War survey

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

are being encouraged to participate in an extensive official study into the cause of Gulf War illnesses with the offer of a £1,000 cash prize.

Ten thousand current and former military personnel are to be sent detailed questionnaires about their health as part of an investigation supervised by the Medical Research

Those selected at random to be sent the questionnaire are divided between servicemen and women who took part in the 1991 war, non-Gulf War personnel and veterans of the peacekeeping operations in

However, because the selec-tion of military personnel from the three categories is random, there is no guarantee that any of the 1,100 British veterans who are ill will receive the questionnaire. chronic fatigue to cancer.

The Ministry of Defence is providing £3 million for new research into the Gulf War illnesses. However, the health survey, drawn up by King's College School of Medicine

and Dentistry, is being funded by the United States Defence Department. Britain and America, which has thousands of sick Gulf War veterans, are closely co-ordinating their research programmes Those who receive the ques-

tionnaire will be told that when they have completed the form, their names will be entered in a draw to win £1,000. All the information will be treated in confidence. Although military person-

nel will not be obliged to participate in the questionnaire, they will be advised that their answers could help to

Army clears drivers in Bosnia accidents

BY OUR DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE parents of four soldiers killed in accidents while patrolling in Saxon armoured vehicles in Bosnia in 1994 have succeeded in overturning official verdicts blaming "driver error". A fresh army investigation reversed the Dowdell were found to be findings, concluding that "no blame could be attached to any individual".

Private Benjamin Hinton, 22, of the Royal Gloucestershire. Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment, was driving a Saxon when it went off a narrow mountain track near the Muslim enclave of Gorazde in September 1994. He was killed and four other soldiers were injured.

Three days later, Private Martin Dowdell, 19, driving a Saxon from the same regiment near Gorazde, was killed, along with Privates Christopher Turner, 18, and Phillip Armstrong, 21. when it overturned after he tried to turn the wheels out of a rutted

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track. The inquests recorded verdicts of accidental death, attaching no blame to the drivers. However, the army boards of inquiry blamed driver error, although neither Private Hinton nor Private

The Ministry of Defence agreed to a new investigation after protests by the soldiers' families. Before it began, Geoffrey Armstrong, father of Pte Armstrong, said: "It was possibly the worst place to be stationed in Bosnia and to get these vehicles up these tracks. virtually on top of a mountain. I think somebody in the regiment and the MoD should have had the guts to admit that these Saxons were never meant to do this."

However, the fresh investigation maintained that the 11ton four-wheeled Saxons were not inappropriate vehicles for the terrain and that they had helped to save lives in Bosnia.

SERVICEMEN and women Their illnesses range from resolve one of the mysteries of the Gulf War.

The King's College researchers have formulated questions on lifestyle, drinking habits, exercise routines and health problems. There is also a detailed section on military experiences.

The researchers want to know whether the participants have been exposed to different hazardous materials, especially if it was during the Gulf War. They include smoke from oil wells, depleted uranium (contained in certain artillery shells), pesticides and dead animals.

The questionnaire also asks whether a Scud missile exploded in the air or on the "within one mile of

The health survey poses questions about a whole range of symptoms, many of which have affected Gulf War veterans claiming to be victims of war-related illnesses. They include chest pains, outbursts of anger, difficulties in breathing, fatigue, double vision, numbness, stomach cramp

and forgetfulness.

The King's College researchers will compare the answers of those who served in the Gulf War with those who were not deployed in the Middle East to see if there is a significant statistical difference in health between the

Two other research studies have been commissioned by the Medical Research Council. Professor Nicola Cherry at the School of Epidemiology and Health Sciences at Manchester University is conducting a study of ill health among Gulf veterans. She will identify possible exposure to toxic pesticides and other chemi-cals, and will investigate whether service in the Gulf is associated with increased mortality or risk of cancer.

Patricia Doyle of the Department of Epidemiology and Population Science at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine is studying the reproductive health of British Gulf War veterans and the health of



A driver making way for one of the elegant intruders. The village curate said: "They are great for calming traffic"

Nosey neighbours cause a flap

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

INQUISITIVE neighbours are causing problems as they swan around a riverside village. They wander into private gardens, look into shopping baskets, and

even peer into babies' prams.
Residents of Rownedge, near Colchester, Essex, are split on how to deal with swans who have defied attempts to prevent them wandering from the River Colne. The Rev Roger Wilkinson, the village curate, joked: The swans are more elegant than most of the

"The birds wander onto the road all the time, but they are great for calming traffic. I get out and swear at them in French so I do not offend my parishio-

ners and it seems to work. You cannot control everything in nature. Sometimes you have to live with it not against it."

Opponents say that the scavenging birds create a mess with their droppings and cause traffic jams in the High Street. Three weeks ago, the local parish council of East Donyland spent £1,000 putting up a 30ft fence along the Ferry Hard, a mudbank sloping down to the river, to try to keep the birds out of the village.

"The fence kept them at bay for a while," said Denis Horrigan, parish clerk for the past 43 years, "then five or six of the swans flew over. I do not know what we can do about that, unless we treat them as enemy aircraft and put up wires to stop them landing."

A spring tide last week helped the swans to further breach the village

defences. Mr Horrigan said: "The river flooded over an open grassy area and some of the birds floated ashore. There are about 120 swans living on the river here. I reckon the village is split 50-50 between those who want more measures taken to keep the birds under control. and those who do not mind them wandering about. I get letters from both

Sheila Smith, who runs the post office and store close to the river bank, said the problem was made worse by people feeding the swans and enticing them out of the river. She added: "I am not antiswan but I think they should stay in the water. They are in danger on land. They have been attacked by dogs and run over by cars. I have known them put their heads in prams and frighten babies."

Customs officers seize £20m of heroin

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

CUSTOMS officers yesterday seized 250 kilograms of heroin at a warehouse in north Londo, making it the biggest find in Britain.

Investigators believe the heroin, worth up to £20 mil-lion in street sales, was destined for the British market. Two Turkish men were arrested.

The seizure will confirm lears that traffickers are frying to flood the country with cheap heroin. The price of a heroin fix is now as low as £10. The cargo uncovered yesterday is equal to a third of all the heroin seized last year by customs officers.

The drugs were found as a result of routine customs operations at the Channel ports on cargoes coming from Turkey via mainland Europe. Investigators followed a lorry to London and began a surveillance operation at the warehouse in Hornsey.

Yesterday morning two men arrived and began loading boxes of clothing onto a van. The watching customs officers moved in and found the drugs hidden inside the boxes.

Turkey has become the main source for heroin in Britain, accounting for most of the seizures. The drug is processed in Turkey and then moved west through the Balkans, often on long-distance forry routes.

In a separate find yesterday. customs officers found 50 kilograms of cocaine hidden in a Peru unloaded at Felixstowe. Suffolk, Four Britons and a Peruvian were arrested.

'Selfish' nest raider had 129 rare eggs

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

AN ILLEGAL hoard of rare eggs. including those of the golden eagle and red kite, was found at a man's home after he was suspected of raiding a nest at a Royal Society for the Protection of Birds reserve. Yesterday Alan Barrow. 34, was fined £2,500 by Bury magistrates when he admitted charges under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. The RSPB became concerned last

June when an egg disappeared from the nest of a roseate term at its reserve on Anglesey. The British population of the bird has declined by more than 80 per cent since 1969 to fewer than 70 pairs, with a handful on Anglesey. Barrow, of Ainsworth, Greater

Manchester, and another man. Brian Mortimer, had sailed in an inflatable dinghy to protected breeding grounds on the island of Ynys Feirig, off Rhosneigr, North Wales. An RSPB warden noticed the egg was missing and police questioned the men when they returned to the main shore. Days later police and RSPB inspectors

raided Barrow's home, where they discovered 129 eggs. They included those of the golden eagle, red kite, peregrine falcon, marsh harrier. bearded tit and avocet.

Many of the species are listed by the RSPB as "red priority" — high conservation concern. Roger Woods, for the prosecution, told the magistrates that they could fine Barrow more than £200.000. Barrow, who is unemployed, denied having a particular interest in collecting eggs and said that he played a minor role compared with

Mortimer, 35, of Bury. Mortimer, who was not in court as he is in prison for another matter, has admitted nine summonses involving eggs. They include stealing the roseate term's egg, a golden eagle's egg on the Isle of Skye and a hen harrier's egg from the Trough of Bowland, Lancashire.

Mortimer, who had a bogus RSPB card, had been suspected of being an illegal egg collector for some time. Mr. Woods said: "The obsessive collection of wild birds' eggs is a very selfish, evil and pernicious activity."



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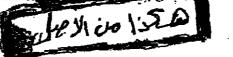
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Not breathing, pulse present. itars arithmal ventians:

1. Pinch the casualty's nose firmly.

C-CIRCULATION

Check the pulse in

the casualty's neck

for 5 seconds.

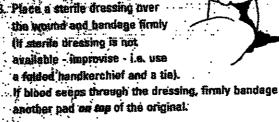
- 2. Take a deep breath and seal your lips around his lips.
- 3. Blow slowly into his mouth watching the chest rise. Let his chest fall completely. Give breaths at a rate of
- 4. If you must leave the casualty to go and get help. give 10 breathes first, and then return quickly, re-check ABC of Resescitation and continue as appropriate.
- 5. Check for pulse after every 10 breaths.

Not breathing, no pulse.

- 1. Dial 989 for medical help or send someone to do it for you.
- if necessary, give two breaths and start
- 3. Place heel of hand 2 fingers breadth above ribeage/breastbone junction.

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4. Send for medical help. 5. Do not remove dressings ance in place.

Small Wounds: Wash with water and it necessary apply small dressing.

Large wounds. west gloves if available, if not, ensure

you have no cuts or grazes on your hands that may

come into contact with blood from the open wound.

L. Ensure the wound is tree from broken glass or other

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pressure directly to the pleeding part with a

ped or your fingers. If the

weimit is gaping, press

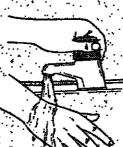
At the same time, raise and support the injured limb taking care if you suspect

the edges together.

a broken bone.

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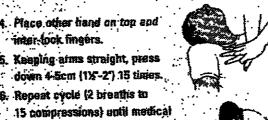
- Place the burned area in cold water, preferably running, for at least 10 minutes; longer if the pain persists.
- Remove any watch, jewellry, tight clothing. Do not remove clething that is stuck to the skin.



- 3. Cover the area with a clean plastic food bag, cling film or other non-fluffy material, until seen by a dector or nurse.
- Never apply fats, ciatments or sticking plasters. Do not pep blisters.
- Burns with blisters larger than the size of the casualty's hand need medical help. All deep burns of any size must receive hospital attention.

FREE ON FIGHT FURNES

- Ask the casualty to sit down facing the light and lean backwards. 2. Using your thumb and forefinger, separate
- If you see a foreign body, wash it out with sterile water (tep water will do if sterile water is not available).
- 4. If this does not remove the object or if the object is embedded, cover with an eye pad.
- Call for medical help.



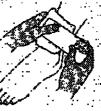
- inter lock fingers. Keeping arms straight, press
- down 4-5cm (1%-2") 15 times 6. Repeat cycle (2 breaths to
- nele tekes over. If condition improves, confirm puise and continue with artificial ventilation. Check for pulse afte



STRAINS AND SPRAINS

Strains are caused by over stretching of muscles. Sprains are caused when the ligaments and tissues of a joint are wrenched or torn.

- 1. Rest the injured limb in the most comfortable position
- 2. Place a wrapped ice pack, or cold compress on to the injured part for at least 20 minutes.
- 3. Compress the injured part with a thick pad of cotton wool and bandage.
- 4. Elevate the limb.



- 1. Encourage the casualty to cough.
- 2. Open the mouth and remove any obvious debris.
- 3. Bend the casualty forward and slep firmly between the shoulder blades up to 5 times.
- 4. Check the mouth remove any visible obstruction. Repeat backstaps if necessary.





5. For a baby, place him along your forearm, or for a young child, place him across your knees with head lower than the stomach and carry out backslaps as described. abovs.

If backslaps do not work, try abdominal thrusts.

1: Stand behind casualty, put arms around the waist and clasp your hands together (one paint up and one paim down).





- 2. Give a sharp pull diagonally upwards. Repeat up to 5 times.
- 3. If this does not work, do not give up, call an ambulance and the alternate backslaps with 5 abdominal thrusts.

- 2. Seek medical help if breathing becomes difficult or pain. and swelling persists.
- 3. If casualty becomes unconscious, be grepared to follow the ABC of Resescitation and call for medical help.
- 4. Bites that cause slight bleeding should be washed with water for 5 minutes then medical help should be sought.
- 5. Bites that cause severe bleeding must be treated as in section titled Bleeding then medical help should be sought.
- 6. Dog bites should be reported to the police.

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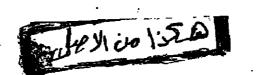
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Tony's friends plan MOB rule

Labour's inner circle reflects the Clinton

AT APRIL 30

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WHEN Bill Clinton first ran for the White House in 1992 he gathered around him a coterie of close associates whom he had collected since childhood. This inner circle soon became known as the Friends of Bill, or FOB, a group mirrored by the MOB, or Mates of Blair.

. The FOB were an eclectic group of school friends, fellow Rhodes scholars and students at Georgetown and Yale, Arkansas lawyers, policymakers and others. They became the most sought after guests at Washington parties and were in many cases appointed to some of the highest offices in the land. Others the President turned to for informal advice.

Many have disappeared during the scandal-ridden years of the Clinton presidency. Vincent Foster, the former deputy White House counsel. died in mysterious circumstances; Webster Hubbell, the former Associate Attorney General was jailed over the Whitewater land affair, Robert Reich, the former Labour Secretary, and George Stephanopoulos, once the devoted political adviser, have resigned to pursue separate careers. Only Bruce Lindsey, a know every Clinton secret. remains as the closest aide to

"Nobody collects friends like Bill Clinton," The Wall Street Journal remarked recently. "And nobody puts them to better use".

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The MOB consists of Mr Blair's former college friends, flatmates, relatives and colleagues. Over the past three



Tony Blair's inner circle of friends and advisers, otherwise known as the Mates of Blair. From left: Lord Irvine, Patricia Hewitt, Tessa Jowell, Margaret Hodge, Alistair Darling, Baroness Hollis of Heigham. Jack Straw, Anji Hunter, Stephen Byers, Mo Mowlam, Alastair Campbell, Peter Mandelson

years since he became leader Mr Blair has put up a protective wall to ensure that only his closest friends and advisers have access to the inner sanctum. Aside from Cherie. his wife, the people closest to the Islington throne are: ☐ Anji Hunter, 42, a personal

friend of Mr Blair's for more than 25 years. They met as they both went to school, through a mutual friend. Their friendship grew at Oxford where Ms Hunter attended the Oxford and County Secretarial College but there was never any romance. Officially she is the manager of Blair's private office and keeper of his diary, but has been called Blair's equivalent of Marcia Williams, Harold Wil-

son's famous personal political secretary. She is known for her ability to act both as Miss Nasty and Miss Nice, delivering Mr Blair's scoldings for him but also soothing the egos of those he has upset.

☐ Alastair Campbell/Fiona Millar. Long-term partners and right-hand man and Campbell, 40, genial but tough press secretary to Mr Blair is his master's devoted rottweller attempting to scare off any negative stories about the Labour leader.

In a Blair government, the former political editor of the Daily Mirror would be more of a political figure than press secretaries of late, in the mould of Bernard Ingham

rather than his successors. His partner, political jour-nalist Fiona Campbell, 38, is close confidante, secretary, organiser and wardrobe assistant to Cherie. Both couples have three children and live in

Islington.

Deter Mandelson. Former MP for Hartlepool and arch spin doctor for new Labour. "evil genius", "Prince of Darkness" and "master of flattery and loathed by some Tory and Labour MPs. Entrusted to run the Labour campaign from Millbank where he is said to have created a ruthlessly efficient machine. Has genuine Labour roots and devised the red rose symbol. Mr Mandelson is completely trusted by Mr Biair, which

some regard as the Labour leader's blind spot. ☐ Lord Irvine, who has been

part of the campaign team in Millbank, is expected to become Lord Chancellor, He introduced Mr Blair to Cherie when they both became pupils at his chambers in the 1970s. His wife Alison was formerly married to Donald Dewar, Irvine speaks daily to Mr malia which includes Tony tions against social workers of gender issues.

Blair and has been an important backroom player for three Labour leaders, advising Neil Kinnock on how to tackle the Militant Tendency and supporting John Smith, a friend from the same debating circle at Glasgow University Mo Mowlam, 47, MP for Redcar, Shadow Northern Ireland Secretary and a member

close to Mr Blair. ☐ Margaret Hodge, 52, a Labour MP since 1994, previously led Islington Council for ten years during which it

Blair and Peter Mandelson.

Ms Mowlam, who married

City banker Jon Norton two vears ago, benefits from being

one of the most likeable MPs

in Westminster. She is very

child abuse, pimping and pornography. She dismissed the reports as gutter journ-

Cl Tessa Jowell, 49, has been MP for Dulwich since 1992. Her husband David Mills, a lawyer and fellow former Camden councillor, is brotherin-law of Barbara Mills, director of public prosecutions.

☐ Jack Straw, 50, MP for Blackburn, is a former president of the National Union of Students, a barrister and former Islington councillor. He was elected to the shadow cabinet in 1987 and has been shadow home secretary since 1994. He has taken the party a long way towards the authoritarian Right on law and order. ☐ Alistair Darling, MP for Edinburgh Central since 1987, is Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury and a memebr of Labour's Economic Commission. One of the few true Blairites in the Scottish Lab-

our Party. Stephen Byers. 44, Labour MP for Wallsend since 1993, was the employment spokesman who told journalists during the last Trades Union Congress in Blackpool that the party might sever its links

☐ Baroness Hollis of Heigham, 55. Labour spokeswoman for social security. She led the successful Lords revolt to secure a share of pensions for ex-wives, a policy which the Government was forced to

adopt.

Patricia Hewitt, was Neil Kinnock's press officer. She helped to run his 1992 election campaign but has survived to be chosen as candidate for Leicester West. Director of research with Andersen Consulting since 1994 on a salary exceeding £100,000, she has

Blair the evangelist blesses faithful come to bear witness

trollers reported a near miss at Battersea heliport yesterday. Tony Blair's helicopter took off within minutes of John Major's and the two men narrowly avoided bumping into each other on the tarmac. Only last-minute evasive action by officials averted disaster. Mr Blair was already

some way into his itinerary. His press conference at Millbank Tower had started a day which came close to crossing the line between a political tour and an evange-list's rally. At Millbank, after a warm-up video featuring moving moments from his own speeches - a sort of Best of Blair '97 album - he strode to the podium with a swagger, and in a suit of which Gomez in The Addams Family would have been proud. This, said Gordon Brown, was Trust Tuesday". To hear a man of Mr Brown's calibre reduced to lines like that is humbling. There is no doubt that Mr Blair has relaxed since I watched him at the press conference opening his cam-

paign a month ago. "The buck stops with me!" he cried, recklessly, a hundred journalists filing the remark away for future reference. But if the style of speech has changed, the content has not The Labour leader proceeds like a man traversing a dangerous sea channel by stepping from ice-floe to icefloe and zig-zagging fast, lest any floe fail to bear the weight placed upon it. . His ice-floes are the ex-

hausted platitudes which are now the currency of his argument. The talents and abilities of all our people" the phrase has become so much a habit with him that he is beginning to run the



Matthew Parris, on tour with the Labour leader, finds that if the style of his speech has changed since the campaign started, the content has not

beneath him, then strikes out for another - "no return to boom and bust". Where from here? You can almost hear the mental computer whire as a hundred approved soundbites are tested in a micro-second. "No going back to the past!" - the ice groans and he lurches on: "Smaller class sizes for five / six / seven-year-olds."

day when the new Prime Minister meets (say) the Perwords together. He pauses as this floe creaks and sinks manent Secretary to the

Thus, and safely, did Mr Blair reach the other side. league. No going back to the How will it be next Mon-

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Tony Blair self-confident and relaxed among friends and supporters in Bristol yesterday

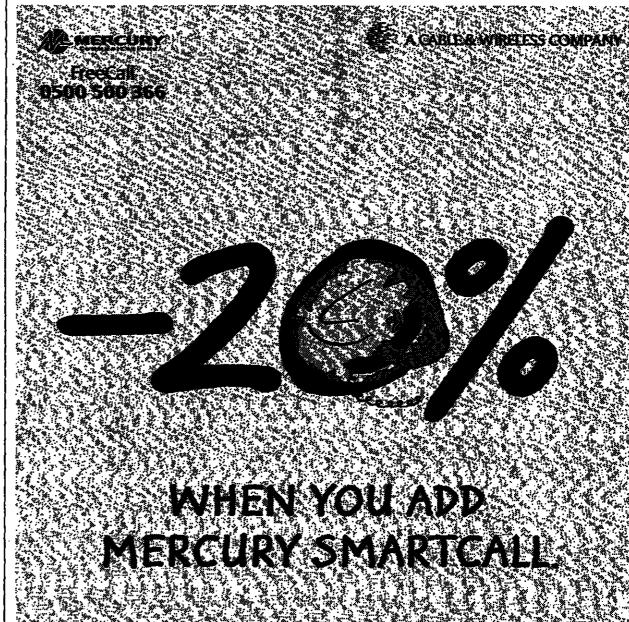
Blair's helicopter proceeded at 130 knots to Gloucester. 'As you will recall," said a spin doctor, microphone in hand, doubling as courier in our coach. Tony went to Gloucester at the start of the campaign and met people who had switched from Tory to Labour. Today he'll be meeting more switchers and their families." We reached the civil service sports

"There's your paddock." said a Labour minder of the Mormon tendency in charge of the press, to me. I escaped from my paddock. Mr Blair arrived. Everyone cheered. The sun came out. An excited vicar, in dog collar, stood sentry duty as flags in Labour's new episcopal pur-ple colours were waved and From twelfth to eighteenth a jazz band played Ain't Misbehaving. in the world prosperity

The evangelist shook hands with a ten-year-old who joined today". She appeared quite overcome. Then, like a sinner who had repented and come to tell the Good News, the former Tory MP Alan Howarth gave wifness and asked Mr Blair to meet another former Tory candidate, called Gareth, in a rainbow rosette. They shook hands and everyone cheered. Mr Blair plunged around the crowd, shaking hands and signing broken legs. Mr Blair spoke. It was the same speech. "Our young people are the future"; Education for the many and not the few."

The leading article in The Times yesterday spoke of "a tower of dreams". To watch Mr Blair, and the faces of his wellwishers yesterday, was to appreciate the percipience of that phrase.

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We envy the British economy, says top German industrialist

yesterday extravagantly praised Britain's economic record, held up the country as a model for Germany and sympathised with John Major's refusal to sign the

Social Chapter. Hans-Olaf Henkel, who heads the German Confederation of Industry, strayed into the British election campaign with his comments but his chief target was the German political class. Like President Roman Herzog — who made a blistering attack on the Bonn élite at the weekend - Herr Henkel believes German politicians are reforming too sluggishly and need lessons from abroad.

In an interview for The Times. the industrialist said that the British would be right to celebrate Margaret Thatcher as the true winner of the election since her economic views now dominated political thinking. "Both of the leading British parties are basically following an economic course which in this country is only followed, and preached by, a party

Tory reforms have won a ringing endorsement from a man

who wants them at the heart of Europe. Roger Boyes reports

that commands barely 5 per cent of the voters," said Herr Henkel. referring to the Free Democrats. the very junior partner in the German Government.

The result, he says, was that Britain was booming and was "already emerging as a real model for Europe". Germans should take heed. "How is it that foreigners have invested ten times as much in Britain since 1981 as in the German market, which is double the size? How is it that in the last four years more than 600,000 new jobs were created in Britain while our unemployment rose by an even greater number?"

Other European countries were in a logjam, unable to move forward quickly. For them the traffic lights are on amber, but for Britain the economy is coasting through on a wave of green lights - unemployment is sinking from

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Herr Henkel, 56, a former IBM executive, said: "Either we continue on the current course at this speed, in which case we will have to take the medicine in the next two years or so; or we find the right kind of consensus and reform in time as the Swedes and the Dutch have managed to do. I work from morning to night in order to achieve the second outcome but in order to achieve it I have to point out the dangers of the first."

That meant, he said, taking Britain seriously. He had invited Tony Blair to the annual conference of his federation as a kind of teaching aid for German politicians. "I wanted the German public to see that a Labour leader can give a speech which I had heard, in terms of economic focus. from only a very few members of

ever, he thought that Labour's emphasis on signing the Social Chapter was misplaced: "Personally I would subscribe to the opinion of Mr Major. If it is true that unemployment is the real issue in Europe, and not the working poor, then heads of government should turn to the United Kingdom and ask: what can you teach us? That is why I firmly believe the United Kingdom

should be part of Europe."

Herr Henkel, most German observers seem to agree, irritates Chancellor Kohl and the government with his persistent pleading for rapid change. The Kohl team thinks it is going as fast as it can without destroying social consen-sus. "Last year saw more changes than in the previous ten, but it still not enough," said the industrialist.

The time had come to shake up

economy, but also the complex electoral system, moving towards the British model of first past the

Some of Herr Henkel's initia-tives — restricting sick pay and cutting taxes - have been taken up by the government. President Herzog's "time for a change" weekend speech owed much to Herr Henkel's personal influence. But the British paradox - popular Party despite a thriving economy - was something that had to be faced by German politicians.

Politicians have to decide: are they going to make a dent in history by celebrating record tenures in office - or by making society more competitive?" Britain. he said, could learn a few things from Germany, above all how to use work-training schemes to reduce youth unemployment. But, model will certainly be the model of the next few decades ... so, lucky Great Britain."



Straying into the British election: Hans-Olaf Henkel

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Goldsmith says party will fight on beyond poll



The Tories are a lost cause says Sir James Goldsmith as he prepares for the role of Labour's European watchdog, writes Ben Macintyre

WHILE other single-issue groups may wither away after Thursday, the Referendum Party is a hardy perennial that will not die until its aim of forcing a referendum on Europe is achieved, Sir James Goldsmith declared yesterday at the party's first and last press conference of the

campaign. There is a huge organisation out there," Sir James, the Referendum Party's leader. said, adding that membership figures had now climbed to 230,000. "I believe that we need to continue as a movemobilisation. Those who are with us are very committed and will fight for the right to determine whether we remain a nation or become a province

of Europe." The decision taken yesterday by David Crabtree. Referendum Party candidate for Pudsey, to stand down in favour of his Conservative Euroscentic rival was "regrettable" and "wrong", Sir James said. But he pointed out that Mr Crabtree's name would remain on the ballot paper, giving voters the "opportunity to endorse our campaign".

Sir James denied that his party's efforts had critically weakened Conservative election chances. "The Tories have committed suicide . . . There is no point in voting for the Tories. They're gone," he insisted, adding that a large

turnout for the Referendum Party would "demonstrate that it is the greatest protest movement since the war". "The only way of controlling

the Blair government and ensuring that they do not give in to Brussels is to have a strong Referendum Party," he said. The millionaire, who is standing against Conservative David Mellor in Putney. flatly declined to say what level of nationwide support he would consider a success, and instead emphasised that the first part of the party's platform. bringing the debate on Europe been achieved.

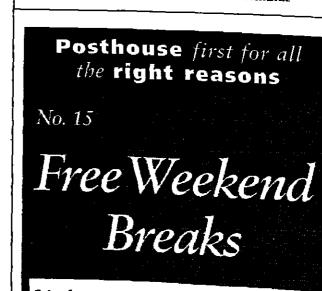
Most opinion polls predict that the Referendum Party. fielding 547 candidates, will not win a single seat, although the party yesterday cited a Labour newsletter from Gosport showing its candidate ranked second according to doorstep canvass returns with a projected 23 per cent, 13 per cent behind Labour.

With or without a presence in Parliament, Sir James plainly envisages a long-term role from himself as a warchdog of the future government. backed by an organisation that will continue to lobby until a referendum on Europe

"We will not, in the future. allow lies to be told. We will be a channel for mobilisation against any new betrayal," Sir



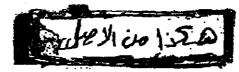
Goldsmith: "I believe we need to continue"



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Alan Hamilton finds that Britain's most remote electorate has little appetite for politics

Islanders are happy to keep campaign at bay

track down the remotest voter in Britain, the one who will have to travel furthest to exercise his democratic right

at a polling station. The map and the Western Isles electoral register point to Husinish, a huddle of three crofts on the western seaboard of Harris cowering against the onslaught of At-

To get there from the nearest ballot box at Tarbert is a 17-mile drive along a single-track road that twists and heaves among the dun-brown harren landscape. To the left the sea shimmers in an intense clarity of northern light. Every three minutes, dazzling sun to leaden downpour. It would be sublime were it not for the abandoned cars, cannibalised and rust-

ing at every bend.

The road ends by a silver beach. I walk among wildhaired sheep to the furthest house, tripping an alarm of barking collies, and knock on the door which is opened a crack by an elderly lady. She eyes me suspiciously. I state my business, beg two min-



SNP's Anne Lorne Gillies: willing to sing for votes

utes' talk, and suggest a photograph.

"Och no," says she in her "We are far too busy today. We are expecting visitors." The door is closed. I suspect her visitors are due a fortnight on Thursday, but I have made a serious tactical error in failing to change down from city overdrive to island bottom gear. People with time

Voter Donald McKinnon: will not travel 17 miles to "hear the same old guff".

do not respond to the fullfrontal approach.

Lesson learnt, I have better luck next door with Donald McKinnon, who is happy to blether with a visitor from another planet. We discuss lambing, and the lateness of his daffodils, and how good the television reception is now that it is beamed from North Uist. After half an hour, we

voting on Thursday, but I have not bothered going to any of the candidates' public meetings in Tarbert. It's far too far to go to hear the same old guff." Only one candidate has so far made the trek to knock on Donald's door, the Tory Jamie McGrigor. Donnot look much like a Conser-Tracking down McGrigor, an affable Old Etonian sheep

farmer from the Argyllshire mainland, takes all of two on the quayside at Stornoway, the island capital, are permanently locked and unmanned. I begin to suspect him of lying low after providing this dour town, where the Sabbath is sacrosanct, with its one tiny nugget of campaign sleaze. A Scottish Sunday newspaper claimed last week that McGrigor's ex-wife had once appeared in a French porn

McGrigor dismisses the story. He is far more concerned about the difficulty and expense of campaigning in a constituency of only 22,000 voters, the smallest electorate in Britain but scattered down an archipelago 130 miles long.
I decide to take lessons in

Hebridean canvassing from the master, the Labour candidate and sitting tenant Calum Macdonald. Our meeting is cancelled flights and missed connections have stranded him on Barra and me on Lewis. He eventually arrives McLeod is feeding his sheep. The two Calums talk amiably of crofting. We are all then totally absorbed by a strange Minch, and McLeod fetches



Labour's Calum Macdonald: "People know the issues already - they want to size you up as a person"

the whole encounter ever gets for telephone canvassing is no to arguments is whether we can read the letters P&O on the vessel's side.

Back in his car, Macdonald explains. "A general election in the Western Isles is like a by-election anywhere else: candidates. People know the issues aiready - they want to size you up as a person, because if you are elected, they will expect to meet you in

Macdonald, a native Lewisman whose used to teach politics in California, appreciates the crucial values of politeness, patience and the oblique approach. "The standard Labour Party formula

use here. To ring somebody up and ask them point-blank how they intended to vote would be regarded as extremely rude.

Civility is all. Macdonald even regards his Tory opponent - who poses no serious fellow, and thinks publication of the sleaze story was unkind and irrelevant. In private, he is less kind about his only serious rival, the SNP candidate Anne Lorne Gillies.

Gillies, a fiftyish and freshly remarried blonde with a successful past as a Gaelic singer, recording artist and television presenter, is from Oban, a six-hour ferry journey away, and now lives in Glasgow. She therefore might of the audience says, "Och, as well be from Outer Mongolia, but she compensates by campaigning largely

She will have held 28 public night. Attendances are poor. We have to do them, even if nobody turns up. If we don't, they feel ignored. If we do, they can boast that they didn't

I go with her one wild night to a schoolroom in Balallan, a crofting township in the middle of Lewis. Five people turn up. At question time feet shuffle, one man asks about money to maintain roads, and another asks about the building of a new community school, until another member

Anne, give us a song." She obliges. In Gaelic. An hour later, in the down-

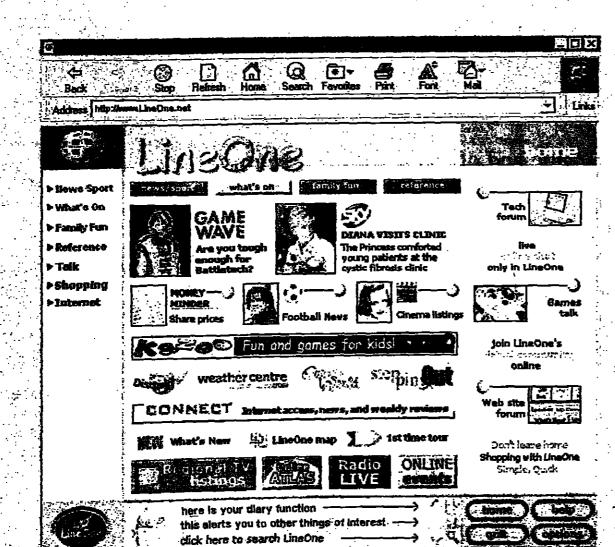
town island capital, the realienacted in Ali's Stornoway whore, loud and inebriated, lunges in off the street seeking trade. In perfect Gaelic, the waiter orders her machashoe, of which the drawing-room translation is Kindly leave the premises at once; you are offending the

The waiter is Bengali, who moved to the isles from Spitalfields only two months ago. There are times when the full-frontal approach is





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Homeless line up to be counted at polling booths

Audrey Magee meets voters who live on the streets

AT FIRST glance, Savoy Place, London, seems an enviable address on the electoral register. Look a little closer and you discover that some of the residents are more familiar with the paving stones outside the grand buildings than the comforts within.

Twenty-four of the estimated 2.000 people living on the streets of London have registered to vote in Thursday's election, 20 from Westminster and four from Camden. They have given addresses such as "Outside Savoy, London", "Outside Brook Street Agency" and "Outside Adelphi".

Patrick Gallinagh spends his nights in the windswept arches outside Shell Mex House in Savoy Place. Originally from Donegal in the Irish Republic, he became homeless six years ago when his business running a snack van collapsed. He may have lost his home, but he does not intend to lose his vote. "Why should you be on the electoral register all your life, then, all of sudden because your circumstances change, you lose

He wants as many homeless people to vote as possible, to encourage the Government to

reduce the number of mentally ill people living rough and to stem the flow of middle-aged people on to the streets. At least when you are on the register, you have an MP to complain to."

Homeless organisations, The Big Issue newspaper and councils around the country have been urging homeless people to register to vote. Their efforts have met with mixed success. No one has registered in Liverpool but 30 have in Manchester, giving addresses such as "Park Bench, Piccadilly Gardens". In Brighton, 12 New Age travellers registered to vote. They gave their address as 'The Mobile Home, Waterhall Park, Brighton".

Ivor Jones, spokesman for Westminster Council, said electoral registration offices had a duty to ensure that everyone entitled to vote was registered, including the homeless. The council distributed leaflets to day centres used by the homeless to tell them that they were entitled to

Some homeless people, however, have slipped through the net. Michael Harrison, 55, voted Labour until he became homeless 15 years ago. He spends most of his days wandering around Waterloo and or "Cardboard City" looking for people to talk

Two weeks ago he went to Lambeth Council for his voting card but discovered that he was too late to register. He wanted to use his vote to help Labour to win and push the Conservatives out. "We are part of society and we do have something to contribute, even if people in big houses think we don't. But the council won't accept my vote because I don't have a permanent home and they did not have anywhere to To qualify to vote on Thurs-

day, people must have been resident in Britain on October 10 last. Shelter, the organisation for homeless people, said some councils such as Westminster and Manchester had taken a more lenient view on the term "resident" than others. A spokeswoman said: "Not everybody wants to vote and we cannot make that decision for them, but everybody should have the right to exercise that vote. The law of residence is being interpreted so rigidly in some areas that they do not have that vote. The park bench should become an acceptable address because it is the only home hundreds of



Elizabeth Gresham appreciated the flowers presented to her by Paddy Ashdown

Ashdown wins over lifelong Tory voter

PADDY ASHDOWN may be feeling his age after six weeks of campaigning, but he could have hoped for no better lift yesterday than meeting the woman who must be Britain's oldest voter to switch allegiance

At the age of 101, Elizabeth Gresham, a lifelong Tory supporter, has decided to back the Liberal Democrats tomorrów.

Mrs Gresham was able to vote for the first time in 1929. when she belocd to elect Stanley Baldwin as Conservative Prime Minister. She narrowly missed qualifying to vote in 1924 because she was 29, and only women aged over 30 were eligible.

Introduced to Mr Ashdown in Cheitenham during his whistlestop tour of eight key seats, she gave him a ringing endorsement. "He's wonderful," she told reporters from a chair at the front of the 200-strong crowd that had gathered to listen to him speak. Why had she turned her

back on the Tories? "I don't think they are worth it. They haven't done what they said they would do. They have had too much for themselves and not enough for the older and the poorer people. However, she believed Mr

Major to be a "nice man" As for Labour, she said she did not know what Tony Blair stood for.



Lady Smith: plea to Scots

John Smith widow ends her silence

WITH just two days to go hefore polling day, the widow of John Smith, the late Labour leader, ended her six-week silence by appealing to the Scottish people to vote Labour and complete her husband's unfinished business" (Shirley English writes).

Baroness Smith of Gilmorehill, who went abroad to escape the general election campaign, delivered a message for Scottish voters in a letter to Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor.

She wrote: "There is nothing more important now than a Labour victory. I know this is what John wanted and worked for, And a Labour victory allows us to complete what John called unfinished business, the creation of a Scottish parliament." Lady Smith added: "So I

urge all of Scotland not to waste their votes, but to vote Labour, the only party that can defeat the Conservatives.

Straw faces up to realities of power after 18 years in opposition

JACK Straw was yesterday directly confronted with one of the main responsibilities that will face him if he becomes Home Secretary this weekend. At 8.30am he arrived at Gatwick, only to be faced with the closure of both terminals because of an IRA bomb threat. This forced him to cancel his flight and return to London to make a shortened visit to the West Country by train. By one of those coincidences of campaigning, Peter Lilley arrived at Gatwick at the same time, though most eyes were on the actress Joanna Lumley who had also been

For Mr Straw yesterday this



Labour's likely Home Secretary is one of the few in Tony experience of government, writes Peter Riddell

was a time-consuming inconvenience borne with good humour. As a likely Home Secretary, terrorism will be an and unavoidable urgent

priority.

Mr Straw is at pains to take men of his generation, he still nothing for granted about either tomorrow's election on looks certain. All his eighteen Both were highly regarded by in tackling questions of order, they will not go on to become sive, but it costs a lot of money apprehension.

Blair's team to have any

what will happen to him afterwards. Premature triumphalism is not only defi-Premature nitely off-message but it is also seen as tempting fate. Like many Labour spokes-

cannot quite believe what now

when he was 32 to 50. Yet he is one of the very lew of the likely Blair Cabinet to have any experience at all of government. It is now, however, virtually 20 years since he left White-

years as an MP have been

spent in Opposition from

hall but he regards his three years as a special adviser to Barbara Castle and then to Peter Shore as giving him a direct working knowledge of how departments and Whitehall operated. He learnty what makes ministers effective from two contrasting examples -Lady Castle, intuitive, and the new Lord Shore deliberative.

their civil servants for having a clear idea of what they wanted to do and for their courtesy

Mr Straw is one of the few Labour leaders who has changed the policy debate in his area — along, notably with Gordon Brown, the policy giant of Blairism, and David Blunkett. As Shadow Home Secretary from summer 1994. Mr Straw has produced proposals on disorder and antisocial behaviour which may have annoyed civil libertarians but have directly addressed the concerns of been well ahead of the Tories as opposed to punishment, in the process neutralising Tory attacks on crime during the

election. A crime and disorder Bill will definitely feature in the Queen's Speech on May 14, aimed at young offenders and at so-called "petty" crimes now widely ignored by the criminal justice system. Mr Straw's argument is not only that these offences cause most problems on a day-to-day basis but that they also lead on to more serious crimes. Hence his support for a zero tolerance approach. He believes that by more promptly and effectively

habitual criminals. This can be done partly through legislation and partly through changing the attitudes of the courts, the Crown Prosecution Service, the police and special

services. The possibilities, and costs, of a more intensive approach were evident when Mr Straw visited the Atkinson Secure Unit for 13-17 year olds in Exeter. You have to be a danger to yourself and to others to be there - as was clear on the faces of the disturbed and troubled teenagers. The 50-strong staff for with 24-hour a day close supervision.

Mr Straw is right that much can be done to improve the handling of young offenders and to tackle minor crimes and anti-social behaviour. As Home Secretary, he would also face urgent pressures over the rise in the prison population, over immigration and over drugs.

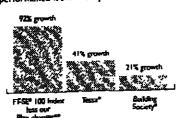
He has a clear idea of what he wants to do if appointed the if is also emphasised — but holding office is very different from preparing for it. No wonder that the eagerness of



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Helping of mixed metaphor spices up breakfast

ONE of the benefits of spending all day listening to election coverage on the radio is that it can be done in carpet slippers. But yesterday. John Major obliged me to pull on my wellies, trudge to a nearby farm and investigate the breakfast habits of pigs.

In the dreaded "ten past eight" slot on Today, James Naughtie had been asking Mr Major about the Tory divisions on Europe, citing contrasting statements by Kenneth Clarke and Michael Howard. Mr Major began: "You're making a complete pig's breakfast, if I may put it that way James, of two distinct issues."

A bloated electorate fed from the same old menu for six weeks is entitled to feel a frisson of excitement at the prospect of this new

RADIO WATCH PETER BARNARD

offering, merged in the Downing Street kitchens from those better-known items, a dog's breakfast and a pig's ear.

So it was off to Plough Farm, where the farmer assured me that there is indeed such a thing as a pig's breakfast and it consists of cereals (British). soya (Asian), water (pri-vatised) and skimmed milk (source unknown). Farmers mix this delicious repast using a computer (Japanese) and it emerges into troughs (British) having acquired the appearance and consistency of porridge (Scots). I pass on this vital

information to pre-empt accusations that Mr Major has lost control of his metaphors. Indeed, pigs' breakfasts are already catching on: within minutes of Mr Major serving one, Naughtie announced that, on another aspect of policy, Mr Major had made "a pig's breakfast of a comparison". For Today. read Farming Today.

If the eating habits of pigs freshened up the Major interview, Tony Blair's sartorial routine was to become the focus of Election Call on Radio 4 and BBCI. John Malone, from Melrose in Scotland, rang to say that judging by Mr Blair's tie — shiny blue with white spots — "he's a plastic Tory. Why have a dummy when you can have the real thing?"

Mr Blair: "The choice of my tie is made pretty quickly in the morning. It's the first that comes out of the drawer. So I wouldn't read too much

into it." So the Blair household is much like any other and it is only by a miracle that he has yet to give a speech wearing, shall we say, a donkey jacket. Let us hope he does not, or I would have to pay another visit to Plough Farm.



John Major at a business breakfast at the Savoy Hotel yesterday. If defeated tomorrow, he is expected to make an announcement about his future as Tory leader on Friday

Major may hold fort until July

THE Cabinet has all but given up on the election. What now preoccupies its senior members is the recovery that must follow as soon as possible if the Conservative Party is to regain its reputation as a fighting force. John Major is being urged

to make a quick announcement, after a Conservative defeat, that although he intends to step down as party leader, he will not do so until July, to enable a party leadership election to be held in orderly fashion and to allow the potential contenders to get to know their electorate, the new intake of Tory MPs. Some ministers believe that

Mr Major should not on Friday rule out resubmitting himself for the leadership in the July contest. They believe intends to go on as Leader of the Opposition at least until

The supporters of this course believe that if the defeated Tories were immediately to mount a credible challenge to Tony Blair they could not afford to have a lame-duck leader for three months - which Mr Major would undoubtedly be, had he stated that he was staying on merely to oversee the election of his successor. The chances of Mr Major remaining leader beyond July are slim to negligible, but those ministers believe that he and his party will have more authority in those vital months if he has not announced that he is going

If the Tories lose tomorrow one of the principal reasons due consideration and that he hook for five years, Labour's How to do that when the providing for a referendum on ed as the front-runners, giving

battle for the succession thwarting effective opposition to a Labour government, writes **Philip Webster**

recovery from the shock of the 1992 election defeat was swift; from the election of John Smith as party leader in July of that year. Labour has their minds. maintained almost unrelenting pressure on Mr Major's initial

government. Senior ministers believe that if the Conservatives are to win the general election after this one, the lightback must begin immediately. They want

Conservative Party looks likely to be convulsed by a bloody leadership battle is the question that is most exercising

The Tories are pondering

how to prevent a bloody

They believe that, after the honeymoon period. following Labour's long years in opposition, the harsh realities of office might abruptly dawn on Mr Blair. The European Union summit in Amsterdam, which seems certain

tough economic decisions which may lie just over the horizon for Gordon Brown "We have got to hit them straightaway. Our route back

to power in five years' time will be to put them on the defensive as soon as we can. Tony Blair will find that life is very different at ten points behind in the polls rather than in front," a Cabinet source

which few English Labour

MPs are enthusiastic, are two

obvious sources of internal

conflict. in addition to the

Mr Major's bearing in the wake of a heavy defeat tomorrow night is regarded as central to the Conservative Party's immediate fortunes. A leisurely-paced contest would suit most of the leadership

Others such as Michael

Heseltine, Michael Portillo and John Redwood, whose form is in the book for all to read, might believe they would profit from an earlier battle. If Mr Major decides to go quickly, or is forced to do so by the clamour of backbench opinion, there could well be a period of lengthy turmoil that would allow Mr Blair a clear run for his first 100 days at

All eyes will be on Mr Major in the early hours of Friday if the result is only onethird as bad as the opinion polls suggest. He has taken a lot over the last few years, and to leave the scene as soon as is

could be forgiven for wanting decently possible. But if the threatened bloodbath is to be that he should say that he will have been that the Labour to give Mr Blair and his team decide on his own future after Party hardly let them off the a taste of their own medicine, party divisions, and the Bill who are not currently regard-avoided he may have to go on

yesterday) and is still standing. The Referendum Party candidate in Burnely, R. Oakley, is also still standing. P Ballard does not represent the Referendum Party in Sherwood; he is the British National Party candidate. The Referendum Party candidate for Bristol West is Lady

this literal democracy" discussed bogus election candidates, and was accompanied by a photograph of Lisa Lovebucket, the Rainbow Party candidate in Hackney North & Stoke Newington, We are happy to point out that she is not a bogus candidate who has set out to confuse voters and has never misrepresented

Redwood would be first off the starting blocks JOHN REDWOOD will be If the Tories lose, challenges will begin swiftly, writes Andrew Pierce

one of the first heavyweight leadership contenders to deliver a public verdict on John Major's future if the Tories go down to heavy defeat.

On Friday, only hours after Mr Major - or, as seems unlikely, Mr Blair - has conceded defeat, Mr Redwood will appear on Radio 4's World at One programme. He is also on Radio 4's Any Questions that night.

Mr Major is expected to announce that he will stand down if the Tories lose, but to stay on for several months to try to ensure an orderly transieffect of impeding Mr Redwood. The temptation for Mr Redwood to disagree with Mr Major over the timing of any contest, on two prime time media showcases, could prove irresistible.

Mr Redwood will divide the weekend between his Wokingham constituency and the Conservative 2000 thinktank in London, which he set up after his leadership challenge in 1995.

He will have to share the limelight on Friday with William Hague, who succeeded him as Welsh Secretary. tion. That would also have the Mr Hague's election result will not be declared until lunchtime on Friday. Mr

Hague, the bookmakers' favourite to succeed Mr Major, will be interviewed live on BBC Radio 5 Live and on ITN after the declaration. He will spend the rest of the weekend in his constituency. "He will be waiting by the telephone for the Prime Minister to ring in the hope that he will be invited to rejoin Mr Major's Cabinet," said one of Mr Hague's aides. "And my tongue is not in my

All eyes will be on Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, who has emerged as a strong favourite to succeed Mr Major, possibly with the

Prime Minister's backing. Mr Heseltine's aides declined to give details of his plans but he is expected to sound out colleagues by telephone from his Oxfordshire estate. No decision has been taken on whether to grant interviews.

Michael Portillo, a favourite of the Tory Right, has decided to maintain a low profile in his

Enfield Southgate constituency and at his London home. So far he has not accepted any interview requests and is thought to be unlikely to speak out so soon after a defeat. Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, has received nu-

views at his count in his Charnwood constituency, No decision has been taken on whether to take up the offers. The timing would be crucial. His result is not anticipated until about 6am on Friday, by which time Mr Major and Mr Blair will know whether either can form a government. Mr Dorrell will spend the

weekend at his London home. Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, will be at his home in his Edinburgh Pentland constituency at the weekend. Mr Rifkind, whose 4,148 majority is vulnerable to a Labour landslide, has made no decision on whether to take up media invitations. Kenneth Clarke, the Chan-

cellor, will stay in his Notting-hamshire constituency all weekend. But friends say that does not preclude his speaking on the telephone to radio. television and newspaper

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, will also be maintaining a discreet silence in his Folkestone constituency where he spends most weekends. Norman Lamont, the former Chancellor, who would stand on a leadership ticket opposed to membership of the European Union, will remain in Harrogate,

Tory's dog to be kept on leash

The chairman of the Conservarive Association in the Henley constituency of Michael. Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, was yesterday ordered by magistrates to keep Nettie, her Jack Russell terrier, under control. Elizabeth Tross Youle pleaded guilty to owning a dangerous dog. The court was told that Nettie sank its teeth into the hand of a woman cashier in a department store last Christ-

Campaign heat

Polling day could be the warmest so far this year with the temperature rising to 22.7C (73F) across much of Britain. Voters will not need umbrellas except perhaps in northern Scotland. Forecast, page 28

Candidate bailed

Chris Thomas, 49, Lib Dem candidate for Waveney, Suffolk, was released on police bail after questioning about an alleged assault on a 10-yearold girl. A report will go to the Crown Prosecution Service.

D:Ream on TV

The Labour campaign anthem Things Can Only Get Better by D:Ream will be on BBC TV's Top of the Pops on Friday. Tories had asked for a radio ban on the rerelease, which is 19 in the charts.

ELECTION

tine, Michael Portillo in the West, Virginia Bottomley in the North West; Stephen Dorrell in London; William Hague in Wales; Peter Lilley, Ann Widdecombe in the North; Nicholas Lyell in the Midlande.

Labour: John Prescott in the North and Yorkshire; Chris Smith In Norwich and Waveney; Michael Meacher in the South; Clare Short in Wales; Donald Dewar in Birmingham; Mo Mowlam in the North West; George Roberston in

Liberal Democrats: Paddy Ashdown, Shirley Williams, Emma Nicholson, Peter Thumham in the South West.

The Referendum Party candidate for Blaby, R. Harrison, has not withdrawn (report, Beauchamp, not B. Slater. who is standing in Bury

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How power changes hands in Whitehall behind closed doors

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THERE is no ceremony to hand over the keys for 10 Downing Street. The Brit-ish constitution works on the principle that Her Majesty's Government always goes on.

Tony's do

-mpaign he

The main visible symbol of the passing of power is the transfer of the official car. If John Major leads the Conservatives to defeat, the most immediate change will be from the prime ministerial Daimler to back-up Jaguar.

Otherwise Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, and senior mandarins ensure that any changeover is seamless. It is also usually swift and smooth.

Timing largely depends on the outgoing Prime Minister. whether to concede during the night, or cling on hoping for some salvage from the wreckage. This is the element which Sir Robin has to leave largely unrehearsed, but even then various scripts are set in place.

A Conservative victory would signal little change. Mr Major is not obliged to do so, but would probably ask for an audience with the Queen. He would also reshuffle his Cabinet and junior Ministers.

In the event of a hung Parliament, decisions are left to politicians, and they must he given reasonable time to reach pacts and coalitions. The golden triangle of senior officials - Sir Robin, Sir Robert Fellowes, private secretary to the Queen, and Alex Allan, the Prime Minister's principal private secretary may advise and run messages. But politicians must talk to each other and discuss terms.

The onus is to sort it out in such a way that a second general election is not inflicted on the

British public. dignity. But Whitehall is not anticipating Mrs such manoeuvring this week. With a Major sustained Labour has lead in the polls. senior mandarins alluded to believe a Labour victory appears the brutal In defeat, or nature of

even facing defeat. Mr Major and Norma are expected to return to Downing Street in the early hours of They would thank staff and bid

them farewell. But there is not much dignity - Mrs Major has already alluded to the brutal nature of the exit from office. Officials will have started packing the photo-graphs, hi-fi, and other personal possessions from the private flat, to be stored in adjacent offices until the removal men are called. Just like holiday lets, cleaners would also start work to leave the rooms pristine for the Blairs. Mr Major would ask for an

batch, as are briefings on the

Inter-Governmental Confer-

both before they

By tradition, the new Prime

Minister sends a letter to the

outgoing one, allowing him the use of Chequers for the

night or weekend, but it is

understood that the Majors

have already said that in defeat they would return home

Mr Major of course would

Opening of Parlia-

ment, and within a

month they would

have a formal

meeting to discuss

a resignation hon-ours list. Sir Rob-

ert Fellowes will

have already in-

vited Mr Blair to

come to the Palace.

At 11.30 or noon,

perhaps a little lat-

er, Tony Blair and

his wife Cherie

would arrive in the

official car of the

Leader of the

Opposition. Mr

Blair would meet

Mr Allan, and and

audience with the

Queen, where she

Mrs Blair

formally asks him to form a

would then be invited to join

her husband to meet the Queen, before they leave in the

official Daimler for a trium-

phant return to Downing

Prime Minister would address

the nation and the media from

the threshold of Downing

Street before being cheered by

Number 10 staff in the hall

and being formally introduced

as the new PM by Mr Allan.

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ence and the single currency.

The mandarins are on hand to ensure that the post-election tidying up goes smoothly, writes Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor.

Preparations mean that any change of guard at Downing Street would be complete by lunchtime on Friday, with senior Cabinet appointments to be announced that evening

He would then be led along audience with the Queen to the ground-floor corridor to deliver his resignation. This the Cabinet room for a formal would be expected about 11am meeting with Sir Robin Butler. or 11.30am. Meanwhile, he One of the first tasks would would approve the handover be to show the Blairs the of certain policy papers for Mr private flat. Mrs Blair is then Blair. His papers on Northern expected to work out their Ireland, particularly discusdomestic arrangements while sions with other political par-Mr Blair gets down to the ries and any pledges made, are business of the job. He would likely to be included in this

Otherwise his papers would be collected and held in the the event of a nuclear war, to his expenses in office. Cabinet Office until it was The pressing consideration time for their release to the would be key staff he wishes to Public Record Office. The bring into Number 10. Jona-Majors would leave Downing than Powell, his present chief Street for Buckingham Palace. of staff, and Alastair Camp-Mr Major would have a bell, his press secretary, are private audience to offer his expected to be the first appoinformal resignation. The Queen would speak briefly to

tees. Usual vetting procedures would be arranged later. Then the main task would be to appoint a Cabinet and Minis-

Mr Blair is determined to show a smack of firm leadership from day one. It is expected that by Friday evening the senior posts in Government will be announced. Contingency plans are already in place at the Department of Education and Employment job of PM, from the secret plan for a team of readers to help to press the nuclear button in David Blunkett as the first blind Cabinet Minister.

Interviews with new Ministers take time, and some restructuring in Whitehall and new titles for Ministers are also expected to prolong final appointments. The deadline however is opm on Satur-

meeting presided by the Queen at Buckingham Palace is scheduled for the official swearing-in of the new Government

Junior Ministers and party whips are expected to be named on Sunday and Monday. Officials are on standby in every department to be called in to greet new Ministers, arrange briefings and

The priority for Mr Blair would be to plan a legislative programme to be set out in the Queen's Speech on May 14. Officials would also begin work at the weekend on papers to be circulated to Ministers in advance of the first Cabinet next Thursday.

Plans for the early Budget will also take precedence, as well as arrangements for the constitutional reforms. Mr Blair would also have to decide whether to send a Minister to a pre-IGC meeting in Brussels next Monday to symbolise a change of Gov ernment, or to let Sir Stephen Wall, the British permanent representative to the EU, attend as usual



The tune changes but the show must always go on: removal men wheel Ted Heath's piano from 10 Downing Street after his defeat in 1974

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Kevin Eason on the prospect of first-time voters turning out tomorrow

Apathy prevails as young fail to see the point

JAMES BERRY is one of the "Thatcher's children" intend-Thatcher generation raised during the 18 years of Conservative government

He was born on May 1, 1979. just days after the Tories came to power and will vote in the general election next week for the first time - for Labour. He is one of about five million first-timers, young people aged between 18 and 21 who get the chance to vote on May all members of a generation who have no memory of a Labour Party in power.

The winter of discontent, the class war between Tory and socialist and the shake-out of British industry mean nothing to these children of Conservatism, brought up knowing only Margaret Thatcher or John Major in Downing

Yet apathy and alienation could keep the class of 1979 out of the polling booths. Even Mr Berry, a committed Labour supporter, believes that young neonle are yet to be convinced that voting in a general elec-tion matters. There are tion matters. people who can't see the point," he says. "I just think Labour is the party for the people and for change, which is what we need now.

A recent MORI poll indicated that 56 per cent of

ed to vote for Tony Blair and new Labour. The young vot-ers, according to the poll, felt that the most important issue was education, followed by jobs and healthcare, and believe that Labour has the best policies on those issues.

The poll indicated that 23 per cent of first-time voters will vote for the Conservatives, Il per cent for the Liberal Democrats and 4 per cent each the Greens, the Scottish National Party and Plaid Cymru. Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party attracted support from 2 per cent. Asked who would make a better Prime Minister, Mr Major scored 22 per cent and Mr Blair 43 per cent, with

Paddy Ashdown on 8 per cent.

Another 12 per cent did not like any of the main leaders and 15 per cent did not know. An earlier MORI poll found that only 8 per cent of firsttime voters believe trade unions were a top issue and in an age when youngsters travel more and are more likely to speak a foreign language, they also seem to be less worried about Europe than their elders: only one in five believed

was the most important issue of the election. The problem lies in getting ment, it is time for change."

ballot box, for MORI also 18 to 24-year-olds are certain to vote in this election. Those who do vote have opinions often influenced by their parents: their voting intentions are almost tribal and traditional, according to a series of interviews carried out by The

Mr Berry underlined the point, less concerned about Europe than the domestic issues which he believes will decide his local constituency, Nottingham South, where Alan Simpson, a Eurosceptic,

looks safe for Labour. Mr Berry is preparing for his A levels at a sixth-form college in Nottingham and is hoping to go to university to study sports science. His parents work in the National Health Service: his mother is a health visitor, his father a

community psychiatric nurse. He admits that his parents' experience of the health service influenced his decision to vote Labour on his birthday. Clearly, I was not getting glowing reports of what was happening in the NHS from them," he said.

"Having lived all this time under a Conservative Govern-



James Berry, above, has made up his mind for Labour. as has Nicola Hodgetts. below left, but Michael Edwards, is undecided between Tories and Lib Dems





The Tories seem to be the only ones with any sense'

TIM OFFORD, an A-level student at Hills Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge, is determined to make use of his vote on his eighteenth birthday in the new Cambridgeshire South constituency, can stay the same for me.

where the notional Conservative majority is nearly 19,000. 'I will vote because then you feel you have done something. and it will be Tory. They seem to be the only ones with any sense. I was born at the time when a Tory Government won the election and as far as I am concerned, they are not doing particularly bad for us.

"I have got a bad feeling about Tony Blair: he goes on about all these idealisms

David Chater talks politics to five young people who have plenty of ideas

which seem a bit too much. I think the country is going pretty well at the moment. I am having a great time, so it

Dalia Greenwood, an Alevel student at The Henrietta Barnett School in Barnet, north London, will be voting on her eighteenth birthday like the other young people in this survey. She will vote in the new Finchley and Golders Green constituency, formerly Hendon South, held by the Conservatives with a large majority in 1992.

"My parents, who are both

lawyers, are also both Labour. I have been quite influenced by them because we often have discussions. I am not completely sure how I will vote, although I am probably going to vote Labour because I think they are planning to help state schools. I am also considering the Liberal Democrats because they are very pro-

in unity between countries." Michael Edwards, from Canterbury. Kent, won in 1992 by Julian Brazier, Conserva-tive, with a majority of 9,997,

Europe which I am as well. I

think there is a lot of stability

is studying for three A levels at Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys. He is undecided whether to vote Tory or Liberal Democrat.

"I have mainly looked at issues which affect me personally. I am more interested in environmental issues and like the policies of the Liberal Democrats, especially promoting public transport and reducing the use of cars.

"I don't like Tony Blair very much. I don't think of him as genuine, I think he is slightly

Nicola Hodgetts, from Rhyl

in north Wales, a student at the nearby Emrys ap Iwan grant-maintained school, is and the poor poorer." likely to vote Labour in the new Clwyd West constituency.

Rod Richards in 1992. "I will probably vote for Labour because I like the proposals from our local candidate. Chris Ruane. When he says he wants to cut down on crime, he seems to know what the local neople want. A lot of people I know have been

The old Clwyd North West

was won by the Conservative

victims of crime "Education is also an impor-

to cut class sizes, which I think is very important. What I don't like about the Conservatives is that the rich get richer

David Best is planning to vote Labour in the Oldham West and Royston constituency held by Labour's Michael Meacher. He is studying for an NVQ in carpentry and joinery at Oldham College on release from his job with Oldham Council. I think it is about time they [Labour] had a chance." he said. I work for the building service at Old-ham Council and if the Tories stay in, our jobs at the council are pretty well on the line."

Students have power to swing key marginal

About 4,000 new voters in the university town of Loughborough threaten the Tories' 3.500 majority, says Kevin Eason

THOUSANDS of first-time voters could hold the balance of power in Loughborough, a key marginal at the heart of Labour's elec-

tion strategy.
Loughborough is number 45 on Labour's hit-list of marginal seats, but whether it achieves the necessary 4 per cent swing to win may be in the hands of nearly 4.000 students who live in the town in term-time and have registered to vote, among a total of 18.000 students in the constituency.

In 1992 students were on their Easter break when Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, held Loughborough with a majority of nearly 11,000. Boundary changes have reduced that majority of 3,500, which is vulnerable to the large stu-dent vote. Mr Dorrell has since jumped into the neigh-bouring, and safer, seat of Charnwood.

The Students' Union mounted a campaign to get students to register and will be pressing them to vote. Kat Myers. a student organiser, said: "There is the feeling among young people that this election is nothing to do with them. But if young people don't participate in the election, they

deserve what they get."

Ken Andrew, Mr Dorrell's replacement, is a company director from Watford, whose wife is a London barrister. At 52, he is fight-ing his first election and is confident of holding the seat against the Labour challenge from Andrew Reed. 32.

who is a Blairite. Loughborough is a micro-cosm of Middle England, apparently booming, with low unemployment and boasting the biggest Ferrari dealership outside London. which reports record sales. Old industry, based on train-making and textiles, is being replaced by an influx of high-tech companies. But prospects of finding work in those new industries are tough for young people who drop out of the education system early.

Astra Charnwood, one of the new employers, boasts that 60 per cent of recruits are graduates, while Brush Transformers, the trainmaker which for decades was the traditional employer for semi-skilled workers. has made about 4,000 workers redundant in recent

In a cluster of young people hanging around the town centre. Colin. 19, was in the uniform of the young unemployed: baggy black jeans, shirt-tails hanging out, hair cropped Cantona bald. Clutching his burger and Coke, he said that he had worked for only a year since he left school at 16.

"I dropped out too early and now nobody wants me." he said. "I have been on training schemes but they teach me carpentry and bricklaying and every firm round here wants scientists. Not much hope for me and voting won't change it."

"Even if I get a job, the pay is lousy - a couple of quid an hour for stacking shelves or selling burgers. It's not worth it."

That is the sort of despair Ms Myers, a politics student, is fighting. She said: The range of opportunities for work for everybody has to be there. Whatever is said by politicians, young people feel insecure about their future.

"Student unemployment is not just the big issue, but changes in the workplace mean that young people are worried about low wages, injuries in the workplace, starting working life in debt.

Young people will make up an eighth of the electorate this time. They should turn out and make sure that politicians are listening to what we want. It is our future."

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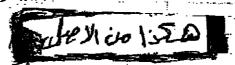
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'Idiot with fax' defies besiegers in Texas

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

THE siege of separatists in Texas entered its third day yesterday with no end in sight, as the man whom police recently called "an idiot with a fax machine" refused to surrender.

Arrest warrants for kidnapping and organised crime failed to intimidate Richard McLaren and his Republic of Texas followers, who are holed up in the rugged Davis Mountains and apparently spoiling for a fight with the authorities. Mike Cox. a police spokesman, admitted that his top priority was to avoid a repeat of the 1993 Waco disaster in which 80 people died

"We think we can do it right," Mr Cox said, but rapid developments yesterday belied such confidence. As dozens of local residents were evacuated to motels and a Swat team joined police sur-



Texas police officers man a roadblock on Highway 166 in Fort Davis where Richard McLaren and his Republic of Texas are holed up

rounding the compound, Mr McLaren announced that his only interest was in "getting the foreign agents off Texas soil". An unknown number of paramilitary extremists are guarding Mr McLaren's fiveacre "embassy" with sniper

rifles and petrol-bomb boobytraps. Three group members kidnapped and released an elderly couple living nearby at the weekend, triggering the siege and bringing mounting pressure for swift police ac-tion to end it. "You're dealing with a crazy person," Sue Clark, a frightened Fort Davis homeowner, said yesterday. "I really think [Mr McLaren] could do a suicide thing." Dishevelled, intense and fond of making headlines, Mr McLaren claims his

group is the legitimate government of a Texas illegally annexed by the United States in 1845. He has waged what the Texas Attorney-General called a campaign of "paper terrorism", seeking to clog courts with bogus claims on

Haaretz added that Syria.

had not signed an inter-national chemical warfare

agreement banning the manu-

facture and storage of chemi-

cal weapons that took effect

yesterday. Iran and Israel

Russia, have yet to ratify it.

have both signed, but, like

The chemical warfare threat

came as attempts to resume

Israeli-Syrian peace talks re-

mained deadlocked. Damas-

cus refuses to go back to the

"He's loving every minute of this," said Joe Roe. whose door was shot down and shoulder injured with shrapnel in Sunday's kidnapping. "He's bouncing off walls at

pledge it claims was given by his Labour predecessors to return the whole of the occu-

nied Golan Heights in ex-

change for peace. Mr Netan-

yahu has made clear that the

strategic Golan plateau, con-

quered from Syria in the 1967 war, will not all be returned.

all Western countries know

what Syria is producing."

Yesterday Mr Mordechai

media interest, but I believe he'll come out for a coffin fitting." Academics have dismissed Mr McLaren's interpretation of history as "goofy". Between 1836 and 1845 Texans voted three times

Pentagon poised to cut forces by 50,000

FROM TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

THE most comprehensive review of United States defences since the end of the Cold War is expected to result in a reduction of up to 50,000 American fighting troops as the Pentagon paves the way for a new generation of ad-

vanced weapons. In what many US military commanders view as a series of drastic measures, the blueprint for American defence also seems certain to include substantial cuts in the US Air Force and Navy budgets for jet

The quadrennial defence re-view, to be made public next month, may even reverse Pentagon doctrine designed to manage two "nearly simultaneous major regional conflicts" at the same time.

William Cohen, the US Defence Secretary, gave a clear signal this week that a robust modernisation programme was needed to shape the security environment, protect and promote America's national interests and combat terrorism and other uncertain threats in the future.

"We don't want to engage in a fair light, a contemporary war of attrition. We want to dominate across the full spectrum of conflict so that if we ever do have to fight, we win on our terms," Mr Cohen said.
"We are developing the kind of systems, the kind of leapahead technologies whereby we can in fact defend at a much further range away."

Pentagon officials said yesterday that payment for such global weaponry was certain to result in reduced force numbers. The current roster of active service troops stands at one and a half million. down by more than 30 per cent in the last decade.

The US Army is expected to be the hardest hit, losing up to 10 per cent of its 495,000 active duty soldiers, while there are likely to be demands on the joint US Air Force and Navy budgets of \$153 billion (£94 billion). The cuts would help to pay for new technologies, in-cluding computerised artillery systems and biological weapons detectors. Mr Cohen has been told to maintain the \$250 billion-a-year Pentagon budget.

WORLD SUMMARY

90 killed in China rail collision

Beijing: Two passenger trains collided yesterday in China's central Hunan province, killing 90 people and injuring more than 300, the Xinhua news agency said. The crash occurred on one of China's main railway links between the capital and the southern town of Guangzhou.

One train, travelling north from the southwestern city of Kunming, capital of Yunnan province, to Zhengzhou, capital of central Henan province, collided with the rear of a stationary train. (Reuter)

Woman savaged

New York: A leopard that escaped from its cage at an homa City and killed a woman was shot dead by police (Quentin writes). The 70lb female Persian leopard was ambushed when she followed a baited trail that led back to her enclosure. Earlier, the cat had mauled to death Eunice Esquivel, 52, a Puerto Rican

Belgian strike

Brussels: Magistrates from Brussels and the francophone south of Belgium staged symbolic strikes in protest at accusations of incompetence in the country's child kidnapping, abuse and murder scandals. An official report accused them of sloth and a lack of professionalism. The last such strike was in 1989, over similar complaints. (Reuter)

Smoked out

Birobidzhan: A soldier is suspected of starting a series of explosions at an artillery depot in the Russian Far East. by careless smoking. The Trans-Siberian railway was blocked and 4,000 people evacuated as metal fragments from explosions showered the area for two days. (AP)

Canada flood

Winnipeg: Red River floods surged into Canada, inundating the dyke-protected town of Ste Agathe, 15 miles south of Winnipeg Most of the 500 residents had been evacuat-

Syrian nerve gas raises war fears

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

MIDDLE East peace efforts suffered another blow yester-day as Israel issued an unprecedented warning to President Assad after the disclosure that Syria has, with Russian aid, begun to manufacture a lethal new nerve gas.

David Levy, the Israeli Foreign Minister, reacted angrily, saying: "The other side must understand that it alone does not control something serious like this, but that we also control things that are seven times more serious."

If a minute quantity of the VX gas comes in contact with exposed skin it can kill in seconds. It permeates light clothing and footwear and, once dispersed, can remain deadly for days or weeks.

Reports of the Syrian

development came in the daily Haaretz and were later confirmed by Yitzhak Mordechai, the Defence Minister. Zeev defence specialist, said: "Syria has reached early stages of a Jaffee Centre for Strategic directed the survey of 1,216

process by which the gas is mounted on surface-to-surface missiles it has stockpiled."

The Syrians already have large quantities of sarin, a gas that acts against the respiratory system. This time they have entered a new area, a new gas named VX," Mr Schiff told Israel radio in an interview that spread anxiety among Israelis who regard a war with Syria as a strong Mr Levy did not spell out in

detail the weaponry involved in his threat. Israel has repeat-

Jerusalem: For the first time

an opinion poll has found that

most Israelis favour an independent Palestinian state

in the West Bank and Gaza

Strip - a move opposed by

the Government (Christopher

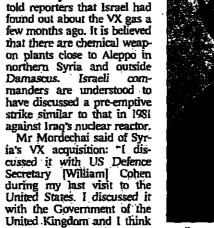
edly refused to comment on reliable foreign reports that a heavily guarded facility in a Tel Aviv suburb is working on advanced biological and chemical weapons. The extent of Israel's biological and chemical warfare capability is subject to a military censorship that is imposed on all correspondents. That censorship has failed to keep secret Israel's arsenal of at least 200 nuclear weapons which, in the last resort, could also be used in response to any Syrian

negotiating table until Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime Minister, repeats a Most Israelis back Palestinian state Israelis, told The Jerusalem Studies, found 51 per cent supported such a solution to

> for the peace process. Only 31 per cent of those

Post. "And it is only one of a number of indicators of continued and growing support

polled opposed returning any of the Golan Heights to Syria,



Levy: has biological and nuclear weapons

US astronaut Jerry Linenger, back to camera, and Russian cosmonaut Vasili Tsibliev, dismantle dust collectors on the outside of Mir space station during a space walk that lasted almost five hours yesterday

Hong Kong dons attack protest ban

achieve peace in the Middle

East. Last year, in a similar

poll, 48 per cent backed the

idea, while a decade ago the figure was 20 per cent. "It is a

very major change," Asher

The poll, by Tel Aviv's Arian, the professor who

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

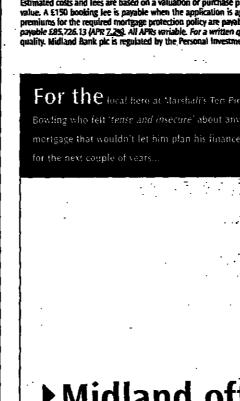
A MAJORITY of Hong Kong's university teachers of law politics and public administration will today present Tung Chee-hwa, Chief Executive-designate, with a statement attacking his proposed laws to limit demonstrations and forbid financial links with foreign political bodies.

The statement, signed by more than 200 academics, rejects Mr Tung's contention that Hong Kong's fragile society can easily be shattered by public demonstrations or by foreigners attempting to subvert social order.

China's National People's Congress has voted to expunge Hong Kong's existing laws, which do not require police permission to demonstrate or forbid organisations and parties from receiving funds. The laws will cease on I July, the date of the handover.

The academics contend that Hong Kong people are ratio-nal and law-abiding and there is no threat to social order. But Mr Tung's proposed laws, they say, are a threat to individual rights.

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Women sue New York finance firm for \$110m

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

THREE women have filed a \$110 million (£68 million) lawsuit against a New York investment firm, claiming that they were sexually harassed and that the company's busy trading floor, scene of the alleged abuse, was known as "the pit".

The women claimed that male colleagues at Lew Lieberbaum & Co used them as "human towels", wiping their wet hands on their hair when they returned from the lavatory. Senior men at the company would allegedly unzio their trousers and demand oral sex, while others tugged at the women's clothes in the hope of catching a glimpse of their bodies or to "check" what they were wearing

Kimberly Casper. 26, Linette Cinelli, 25, and Deana Caljendo, 21, who were employed in varying support roles at the firm, were supported in their Manhattan Federal court lawsuit by the US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Commentators said that the case may point to wider problems in the world of New York finance houses. The company said that it

would defend the allegations 'vigorously". An unidentified male employee told the New York Post, that the women, who no longer work at Lieberbaum, were simply interested in extracting some money from the company. "We're a friendly office we joke around," he said.

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Europe returns envoys to Tehran with rebuke over Iran-sponsored terror outside the EU. "Neither attempts by



Iran's stance, by Behrendt in De Telegraf. Amsterdam

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

EUROPEAN UNION foreign ministers agreed yesterday to return their ambassadors to Tehran. At the same time they announced the indefinite cancellation of Europe's high-level "critical dialogue" with Iran and a series of new restrictions in response to official Iranian support for ter-

All remaining Iranian intelligence agents are to be expelled from EU countries, and no visas will be granted to any Iranian with security or intelligence links. Visits by ministers to and from Iran are to be cancelled. The arms embargo against Iran will also be enforced.

The ministers said they had always wanted a constructive relationship with Iran, but "progress can only be made if the Iranian authorities respect the norms of international law and refrain from acts of terrorism, including against Iranian citizens living abroad, and co-operate in

The new measures have been taken in the light of the Berlin court udgment this month that directly implicated senior Iranian officials in the murder of Kurdish exiles in a restaurant. The EU urged other countries to align themselves with the

preventing such acts".

The message to Iran is clear: there can be no business as usual." the Foreign Office said. "We have taken Iran can get away with murder in

measures which seek to reinforce the message and which show that acts such as the Mykonos [restaurant] murders cannot go unanswered."

The EU measures do not call for any trade embargo or restrictions on EU investment in Iran and participation in Iranian trade. Diplomats said such proposals, advocated by Washington, were not discussed.

The International Rushdie Defence Committee, formed to fight the fatwa against the writer Salman Rushdie, yesterday condemned as "shocking" the decision to return ambassadors to Tehran, and said the action of the ministers "is not so much a slap on the wrist, it's more a nod and a wink to Iran. It sends a clear message that Europe." Iranian exiles also criticised the EU's decision to send back amhassadors.

At a rally in Luxembourg organised by the National Council of Resistance of Iran, thousands of demonstrators called for the cutting of all commercial and diplomatic links with Tehran.

The National Council of Resistance, which maintains operational centres in Iraq and has engaged in an intensive lubbying campaign throughout Europe, welcomed the measures but said they did not go far

Iranian state radio said vesterday that the measures would not affect the Islamic republic because of Iran's extensive relations with countries

the White House to isolate Iran nor decisions by the European Union will have any effect on the sacred government system of the Islamic Republic of Iran," state-run Tehran radio said in a commentary broadcast before the measures were officially

announced. In response to the end of the "critical dialogue", broken off immediately after the Berlin judgment, Iran's parliamentary foreign relations committee urged the Government to end all talks with the EU. It said such talks could be useful only when they were coupled with good: intentions

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Single currency battle dominates French election

FROM ADAM SAGE IN PARIS

spending to less than the rate EUROPE dominated the of inflation, and encourage French parliamentary election shorter working hours to crecampaign yesterday as new figures signalled more public ate jobs.

M Juppé and M Léutard restated their commitment to spending cuts in the run-up to

monetary union. As the Gaullist-led coalition join monetary union and said unveiled a manifesto that they would promote European pledged reductions in tax, the social policies to "make France National Statistical and Ecothe motor of a citizens' nomic Institute said the public deficit exceeded forecasts last However, the centre-right

coalition has tried to play Although the Government down the European debate. aware that it is divided over failed to meet its 4 per cent the question and that many of target by just 0.2 per cent, the its voters are hostile to Brusdifference will make it more sels. They say they need to curb public spending to imdifficult for France to meet an already tight timetable for prove French competitiveness joining economic and moneand reduce an unemployment tary union (EMU). Économists said another rate of 12.8 per cent. regardless

round of austerity measures of the single currency. Edouard Balladur, the forwould be necessary if France was to fulfil Maastricht critemer Prime Minister, said yesria which demand a public terday: "Maastricht or not, we need to reduce our deficits, deficit of no more than 3 per cent of gross national product. liberate our economy and Their warnings overshadreduce our taxes." owed the optimistic but vague However, Europe continues promises made yesterday in to dominate the campaign.

the five-page manifesto pre-The publication of the 1996 sented by Alain Juppe, the public deficit calls into ques-Gaullist Prime Minister, and tion M Juppe's claim that he has brought French public François Léotard, leader of the centrist UDF party. finances under control and They pledged to reduce incan now move into a new taxcome tax and reform business cutting phase.

The left-wing Opposition taxes, but did not make specific commitments. They also says President Chirac called the snap election in the knowvowed to present a five-year plan to limit rises in public ledge that his Government

would have to introduce unpopular measures this au-Yesterday the tumn. newspaper Le Monde said it

was increasingly improbable France could meet the criteria for monetary union without additional savings.
Right-wing Eurosceptic

voices are starting to make themselves heard. The anti-Maastricht campaigner, Phi-lippe de Villiers, said: "Those who choose to sacrifice the nation to the single currency will lose that precious thing. the nation, and will gain eurounemployment.

The Socialist leader, Lionel Jospin, has promised to increase public spending, compromising French chances of meeting the criteria on monetary union. But the impact of his message has been limited by Socialist splits over Europe.

M Jospin, who yesterday met his Communist counterpart, Robert Hue, to sign an electoral pact, knows many of his colleagues want him to respect Maastricht orthodoxy. Copenhagen: Denmark's appeal court will hear charges brought by 11 citizens against the Prime Minister, Poul Rasmussen, on May 26. The II accuse him of violating the constitution by committing the country to the Maastricht treaty, judicial officials said. (AFP)

Murder of seized teenager angers Taiwan

IN TAJPEJ

TAIWANESE were outraged yesterday by the murder of an actress's daughter who had

been kidnapped on April 14. The naked body of Pai Hsiao-yen, 17, only daughter of Pai Ping-ping, was found floating in a river in Taipei county late on Monday. Her hands and legs were hound with rope and she had been weighed down with ham-

mers, police said. Yang Jih-sung, the coroner, said she had died of strangulation and had been dead for at least eight days.

Her kidnappers had demanded a ransom equivalent to £3 million, including half of one of her little fingers with their note. Her mother, who is also a television chat show hostess, wanted to pay, but the kidnappers called off a planned meeting. Police arrested four people last Friday night, but three suspects

remain at large.
Police and military agencies yesterday stepped up their island-wide search for the missing suspects and mounted stringent checks at sea ports and airports.

President Lee is extremely saddened. He is especially outraged by the criminals inhuman method," the presi-dential office said. But the opposition New Party called on him to apologise to the public for Taiwan's deteriorating law and order.

The main opposition Democratic Progressive Party de-manded the resignations of Lien Chan, the Prime Minister, Lin Feng-cheng, the Interior Minister, and Yan Kaochiao, the National Police Administration chief.



Actress Pai Ping-ping, left, with her daughter, Hsiao-yen, not long before the kidnap.

Chirac to seek ban on human cloning -

PRESIDENT CHIRAC of France is to seek an international agreement banning scientists from cloning humans.
The French President said

yesterday that cloning "would in effect negate the very foundation of the identity and dignity of the human being". He described it as a degrading attack on the human condition and said: "It must be forbidden".

M Chirac said France would ask its European partners to adopt a declaration seeking a UN ban on human cloning. He would also raise the question with President Clinton at the next G7 summit in Denver in June.

Some people imagine they will achieve immortality through cloning," the President said. "Others think they will be able to rediscover a loved one. Cloning has been spoken of as a new means of reproduction." His reaction was a "vehement, categorical, definitive and ethical condemnation of all reproductive cloning of human beings."

☐ Bonn: German scientists. haunted by memories of Nazi attempts to engineer a "master race", urged that human cloning should be banned absolutely: everywhere and forever. The cloning of humans would be a violation of human existence;" Wolfgang Fruehwald, president of the German Research Association, said in Bonn. (Reuter)

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Yeltsin's puppet held for ransom

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

RANSOM demands have been made for Boris Yeltsin and Vladimir Zhirinovsky two of Russia's best-loved television puppets who have been abducted

Three characters from the popular television series Kukly (Dolls) — Russia's equivalent of Spitting Image - went missing two weeks ago from a Moscow studio warehouse. Being held are Mr Yeltsin, the Russian President, Mr Zhirinovsky, the Aleksandr Livshits, who was Finance Minister. Each cost the equivalent of £4,000 to

"We got a call a few days after the dolls went missing. said a programme source. "A wanted to see them again we could buy them back. The situation is very delicate, I

While Mr Livshits, recently sacked in a government figure. Mr Zhirinovsky features regularly in the series and Mr Yeltsin is the star.

Since taking to the air in 1994 on NTV, Russia's independent television channel, Kukly's sophisticated and irreverent satire of the country's political elite has been a huge hit. But the programme has also attracted unwanted attention, including a threatened prosecution by the Russian Prosecutor-General which collapsed amid widespread ridicule.

However, resourceful criminals could be harder to beat. *Kukly*'s makers refused to say whether the abductors had threatened to harm the puppets, but say they will negotiate. "We lost five puppets just after we started," said Vasili Grigoriev, the producer. "We informed the police, hut nothing happened. This time we are going to do things our own way."

Luckily for Kukly. the real Mr Yeltsin is holidaying at a Black Sea resort, so his character is not being missed.

Bomb raid plea to Chechnya

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN MOSCOW

ANATOLI KULIKOV, the bomb explosion on Monday at had caused an unspecified Russian Interior Minister, yesterday accused the new leaders of Chechnya of sponsoring terrorism, after two bomb attacks at railway stations in southern Russia and a reported attack on a Russian

border post. General Kulikov appealed to President Maskhadov of Chechnya to "get rid of terrorists in his entourage" and spoke of a possible anti-Chechen backlash from the Russian population. "I would like to appeal to the people of Russia to comply strictly with the law, to help the law enforcement agencies and not to allow any lynching to happen." he said.

He was speaking after a

a station in Pyatigorsk in Russia's North Caucasus region. Two people were killed and 17 injured. General Kulikov confirmed reports that two Chechen women had been arrested on suspicion of planting the bomb. He said they were known to have taken part in the hostage-taking raid on the south Russian town of Budennovsk in June 1995, when more than

100 people were killed, The commander of Russian forces in the North Caucasus reported that a police checkpoint on the border between Chechnya and Dagestan had come under attack on Monday from about 20 Chechen gunmen. A three-hour gun battle

number of casualties.

The Pyatigorsk bomb followed a similar blast at a railway station in the southern town of Armavir, which killed two people and injured eight. The authorities link the attacks with a threat by Salman Raduyev, a renegade Chechen commander, to wage a war of terror to avenge the death of the rebel leader. Dzhokhar

Dudayev, a year ago. President Yeltsin warned the Chechen authorities of a sharp deterioration in relations if they did not crack down on terrorism. He ordered strict security mea-sures in the region. The Chechen authorities deny in-

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Aid staff catalogue 'barbarities' of Zaire rebel forces

AS REBELS in Zaire push towards Kinshasa, the capital, details are emerging of alleged human rights violations in territory under their control. Crimes of murder, rape and looting have long been blamed on the ill-disciplined Zairean Army, but until now allegations of atrocities by the rebels have been few.

The lengthening list of barbarities ascribed to Laurent Kabila's Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire is revealed in two confidential aid agency reports obtained by The Times. So sensitive are the contents, and so fearful are the organisations of rebel recrimination against their field staff, that it is not possible to quote at length from the reports.

Those who have suffered most at rebel hands are Rwandan refugees unable or unwilling to return to the homeland they fled after the 1994 genocide. However, there are

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FROM DAVID ORR IN NAIROBI

also numerous allegations of atrocities directed at Zairean civilians in areas occupied by Mr Kabila's forces.

The confidential reports allege that crimes against both Rwandan refugees and Zairean civilians started long before concerns arose over the fate of tens of thousands of refugees still missing in the forests near Kisangani. The information, gathered on aid agency missions in eastern Zaire, points to a systematic campaign of extermination of refugees and of intimidation of Zaireans in rebel territory.

Mr Kabila has dismissed allegations that his fighters have slaughtered large numbers of the Rwandan refugees.

One aid agency document obtained by The Times refers to indications that "serious violations" of international humanitarian and human rights laws have taken place, and are continuing, in areas

Testimony, says one of the reports, was gathered from expatriates working in Zaire and from Zairean villagers. many of whom were visibly scared of the rebels. These sources gave evidence to the mission that the military are killing refugees. The report states that it has been rebel practice to exterminate refugees in recent months and that

the practice goes on. The rebels are said to have originally targeted male refugees, but recently have includ-ed women and children.

Military commanders and members of a secret service body recently established by the rebels told the aid agency mission that they went into the rainforest specifically to look for refugees. They needed aid agencies as bait to entice refugees to open roads where they could be eliminated.

Most of Rwanda's refugees returned home last year, but aid agency are said to suffer



One of more than 5,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees found by UN aid workers yesterday as they left the forest 25 miles south of Kisangani

Zairean interior ahead of the intimidation and threats from advancing Zairean rebels. Among the refugees are believed to be a hard core of Hutu militiamen who participated in Rwanda's genocide. Local people in the

into the open The intimidation campaign Shabunda area visited by the was reportedly stepped up by the rebels after an "ideological

seminar" in Shabunda in March, which all regional the rebels. According to one report, villagers have been community chiefs were obliged to attend. The aid told not to help the refugees but to persuade them to come agency mission collected evidence that Zaireans who subsequently sheltered refugees

> were killed. "It seems clear the military

have a very clear, well defined and systematic mission of 'cleaning' the area", says another report by a British aid agency. This also gives details of massacres of Zairean civilians and Rwandan refugees. ☐ Nice: A French court sentenced Ramazani Baya, Zaire's former Ambassador to Paris, to a suspended two-year jail term yesterday for the manslaughter of two boys in a Riviera traffic accident. The Nice court also fined him Fr56,000 (£5,900) and ordered him to pay the families Fr700,000 damages. (Reuter)

Abducted children 'taken for slaughter'

By SAM KILEY, AFRICA CORRESPONDENT

vation were slung into the back of a lorry "like sacks of potatoes" and abducted by Tutsi soldiers in eastern Zaire. United Nations officials said yesterday, as fears grew that the youngsters had been slaughtered.

Sources at the United Nations Children's Fund and other agencies connected with the Lwiro children's hospital, said the Tutsi soldiers fired into the air, beat up two nurses, abducted 50 children and 60 adults, and drove off in a lorry, threatening that they



HUTU children close to star- would be back. "Some of the soldiers said that the young [Rwandan] Hutu refugees would grow up to be killers and that they should therefore die," one relief worker said, quoting a witness in the small town close to Bukavu, in South Kivu province.

Another source said that the toddlers - close to death as a result of malnutrition after seven months on an aimless trek through Zaire's jungles ahead of the Tutsi advance were thrown into the lorry "like sacks of potatoes".

"They will not live long without expert medical care." said a relief worker associated with the hospital. The children have not been

seen since they were abducted last week and most aid workers said that they feared the

"There have been reports killed," Pamela O'Toole, a spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, said.

Kabila agrees to talks with Mobutu on ship

Lubumbashi: Zaire's rebel leader, Laurent Kabila, said yesterday that he had agreed to meet President Mobulu on a ship in the Atlantic off Zaire's coast, to discuss a transfer of power in Kinshasa.

Mr Kabila said: "I have agreed to President Nelson Mandela's request that I meet Mr Mobutu on a ship off the Atlantic coastline to discuss Mr Mobutu's departure," saying the ship would be a South African Navy vessel.

The ship said to have been chosen for the talks, the SAS Outeniqua, bought cheaply from Russia in 1993, is the depleted South African Navy's

newest, and has been dubbed "the Grey Diplomat" because of previous humanitarian missions.

"As far as I am concerned, this will be a short ceremony at which Mr Mobutu is supposed to agree to leave, otherwise our forces now advancing on the route to Kinshasa will eject him," Mr Kabila said. "I am made to believe he [Mobutu] will co-operate with us and avoid a bloody confrontation for Kinshasa.

Asked about the date for their first face-to-face meeting. he said it would be in the next few days. (Reuter)

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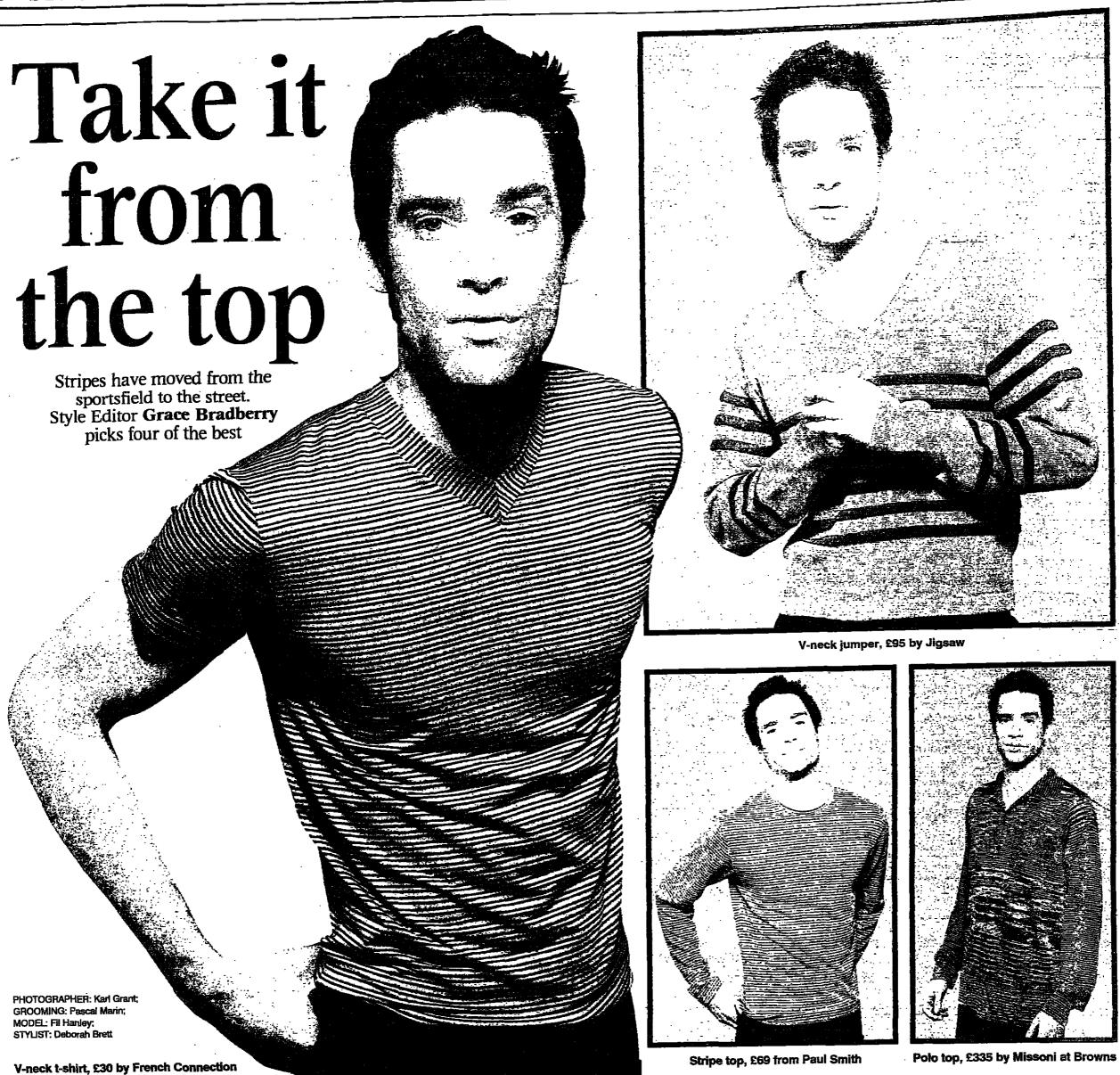
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lost an old friend the other day. It was a blueand-white striped T-shirt of undistinguished provenance, but for five years it had been my favourite bit of clothing: the first thing I packed when going away, an infallible standby on a Bad Clothes day. Washed and washed again, it came up crisp and nautical, with an easy chic belying its plebian origins, until quite suddenly. little holes began to appear all

Soon they joined up into big holes, and I had to admit that it was no longer wearable. As I consigned it to the duster drawer, I was surprised by my feelings of gloom. It felt like taking some much-loved old

pet to be put down. A couple of days later, fishing it out to polish the piano. it struck me that, in its lacy decrepitude, my T-shirt was a dead ringer for the repulsive security blanket from which my son was once inseparable — and that a security blanket was exactly what it

had been for me. Every wardrobe needs security blankets. Not nasty velour leisurewear in which to slob out, but generous clothes. of forgiving cut and undemanding elegance, which one can slide into, knowing that they will give one a lift on a day when one is beset by that panicky feeling that one hasn't a thing to put on.

Security blankets tend to be soft, both in texture and structure — fluid, rather than tailored, made of jersey, cashmere, silk or mohair. in muted colours guaranteed not to be harsh on the complexion. For decades, the queen of SB designers was the late Jean



Muir, whose sinuous, drooping confections of crepe and jersey looked like nothing at all on the hanger, but once on the person had the fairy godmother-like ability, or so it was claimed by such devotees as Joanna Lumley, Lady Thatcher and Dame Maggie Smith, to bestow verve, chic. elegance and self-confidence on any woman who might find herself temporarily low

on these qualities. On the other side of the Atlantic, en-'Brits are tire fashion houses have prospered on the real the trend for clothing to cocoon the experts at neurosis of mod-ern living. With her easy, sculpturthe art of al shapes and pecomfort rennial taste for drape and wrap clothes' rather than nip and tuck, Donna Karan's whole out-

> put could be seen as one vast security blanket. Still, it is Brits who remain the real experts at the art of wearing comfort clothes perhaps because the very notion corresponds so closely to our national belief that there is something, well, not quite nice about Getting All

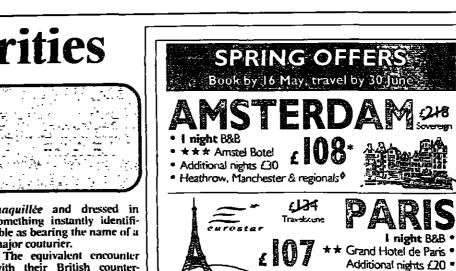
Dressed Up. Open any copy of Paris Match, and you can be certain to find Isabelle Adjani. Juliette Binoche or Carole Bouquet unveiling the innermost secrets of their hearts, while carefully nurturing the image of a star. Their photographs are immaculate - coiffee.

maquillée and dressed in something instantly identifiable as bearing the name of a major couturier.

with their British counterparts is a very different mat-ter. "She was huddled in a huge sweater, her face hare of make-up," the interviewer will invariably write. But as worn by those queens of Boheem chic. Emma Thompson. Helena Bonham Carter, Miranda Richardson et al, that huge sweater carries a subtext as complicated as the structuralist texts they all mastered at university. I dress like this because I am a strong, serious woman, it says. Furthermore, I may look as though I have just carried out a raid on Oxfam. but in fact this sweater cost £299 at Joseph.

ow, the desire to spend a month's housekeeping on a sweater that looks as though it has already been thoroughly broken in by an ancient farm labourer may seem perverse

it certainly infuriates men. But to anyone who understands the concept of a security blanket, it makes perfect sense. I had one myself. from John Rocha - a knee-length mohair confection in an attractive shade of mildew. I wore it every day for six months, and it rapidly became an object of derision among my colleagues, My sister, though, got it at once. That isn't a jumper," she said, on first seeing it, "It's a



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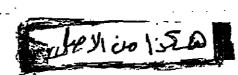
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The Spice Girls may be the stuff of little girls' fantasy, but their message needs to be challenged

veryone goes on about the rudeness of contemporary society and the young, the decline of manners and the cult of coarseness, but it is indubitably the case that the real message behind popular culture is Do Not Offend.

Given all that talk about Girl Power, you'd think that now the Spice Girls have been attacked for performing the haka war dance on the grounds that this is a sacred ritual, and that only men are allowed to do it, they would at least put forward a political defence, even a phoney one. I do see that claiming it as a step forward for leminism, or a triumph for the sisterhood. might be going it a bit. But I'm not sure that coming over all breathy and tearful is quite what we need either.

But we are all required to be tolerant of intolerance these days and if a Maori is offended then there is evidently no explanation or exhortation - such as lighten up - that will suffice. Maybe it's because when I was the age of the average Spice Girl, punk was the dominant discordant note of pop culture, but it does seem



Nigella Lawson

strange to me that the most successful group of the mo-

But then again, the Spice Girls are also described as "professional". And the term is thus used as a contraendation. What is the world coming to when a pop group is meant to behave like a cluster of suburban office workers going up West clubbing for the

I have noticed that fellow performers — and most recently George Michael, as he discussed the setting up of his own record label - don't refer to the Spice Girls as musicians, or even performers, particularly, but as a "phe-

I have no strong feelings one way or another about them, but it is surely to the point that to be a real fan you need to be under 14 or over 65. The rest of us can hardly be blamed for failing to see the charms of quote a besotted Paul Johnson quoting Marcel Proust, oddly, on the subject. (Though who am I to talk, unsettled as I am to find myself writing about them now?) But the thing about phenomena is that they are fleeting. And they are not quite believable.

Actually, I do believe that people are genuinely keen on them — if they're short enough. I have evidence of this. If I walk my three-yearold daughter (who affects a de haut en bas interest) to nursery, I have to fight my way through a playground full of would-be Spice Girls working out their dance routines.

part from little girls (and the Paul Johnson contingent), who ⊾has any time lor them at all? Have you ever met such a person? I am prepared to believe that there are those out of teenform bras who buy their records, just as I am prepared to believe there are people who own a Teasmaid. But in both cases, they are the stuff of cliche.

The reason that is given for the Spice Girls mass popularity is the reason they do not, in fact, enjoy, among even young adults, mass popularity. It is their ordinariness that is meant to seduce: we are all meant to identify. And look, how clever! We can pick our girl - posh spice, sporty spice and so on. Roland Barthes couldn't have done it better if he'd set up the group himself. But the difficulty with seeming to present the ordinary girl is that which ordinary girl wants to be ordinary?

The point about stage icons is that they are not ordinary: or even if they are, they are not meant to seem so. This, though, is the modern dilemma about fame. To be famous is to be

special, but to be special is to be envied. Everyone wants to be a regular guy (and I use the term to denote the female, too). and to be famous for being just a regular guy is therefore supremely desirable. But to be special and ordinary at the same time is confusing - and confusing, because there is an the end, even the dimmest fan can fathom. The only way to apologise for one's fame is to protest how little it is justified.

aturally, sometimes those protesting have a point, but that is only part of the story. The dominating neurosis of the day (and one peculiarly exhibited by the modern campaigning politician, on a psychological though perhaps not psephological hiding to nothing) is the frenzied desire to please, to be impossibly ac-

In these terms, the Spice Girls are a flattering enough concept, though the plodding literalness of the construct is amusing in the same way the completely, bafflingly po-faced literalness of choreography of the sadly defunct Pan's People

COMPREHENSIVE



Innocent, frolicsome girliness - or propaganda with a pernicious sexual message? Nigella Lawson believes there are dangers and contradictions in the posturings of the Spice Girls

was. Now there, while we're on the subject, was a girlgroup with which one would want to identify. The stereotyping - the blonde, the brunette and so forth - was no less crude than that of the Spice Girls, but the actual were more desirable.

Little girls aspire to be big girls, and so for them the Spice Girls are the stuff of fantasy. But for women the same age, the Spice Girls are hardly aspirational figures. The PR reckoning behind this counts on everyone, therefore, not begrudging their fame, but rather it works in reverse: everyone resents it. Why

If there is an implicit double standard in the modern cult of celebrity and the contemporaneous championing of the ordinary, there is another, essentially more pernicious, contradiction in the presentation of sexuality. The protestations of Girl Power, the bosom-bulging basques and pelvis-thrusting, are ostensi-bly all about empowered, aggressive sexuality. But in fact what is being presented is that whiney, look-don't-touch form of self-absorbed titillation. In other words, they embody the dangerous belief that it is acceptable to appear sexually available, but unacceptable to be treated as sexually available. And please, don't write in to tell me that just because someone shows her cleavage she doesn't deserve to be molested. That goes without saying — but the sanctimo-nious packaging of female sexuality is all the same irksome, and more, dangerous. For some reason parents of

pre-teen girls who copy such posturings go along with all this, wrongly seeing in it an innocent frolicsome girliness. This is the cream bun school of bottom wiggling: naughty but nice. That's how the Spice Girls have been happy to present themselves, too. They must not know what's hit them now someone's taken them seriously - even if it is some disgruntled Maori leader unacquainted with

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The man with the real lead in the polls Tow can the opinion polls be so certain? one who was questioned by a

This is the sort of remark commonly heard at general election time. It is a view found among the droves of letters that the Editor of The Times is now receiving about the campaign.

Not only is extreme scepticism expressed about basing national projections on the opinions of so few, but many people seem to delight when the opinion polls, or some of them, end up with egg on their faces, as in 1992 and 1970. If. tomorrow, the first news from the real polls shows that the canvassers were wrong, there will surely be some cheers, and not just from Tories.

Some doubters scarcely believe that the polled sample exists. Doubt not, In the past few months I have been tackled three times by the

Not long before John Major named the day, I was strolling in my Surrey suburb late one Friday morning when a woman looking for directions called to me from a parked car. It turned out that she was in the street she wanted. She explained that she worked for MORI (The Times's choice of polister, headed by the redoubtable Robert Worcester) and thus would be attempting to interview 16 people, of different "types", living in some ten named local streets.

It emerged that my house was in a street that had been picked and I readily agreed to be her first victim. I was going to be out for most of the rest of the day, so we conducted the canvass in her car. Although she started with

political questions, including the one we all know and love - "If there were a general election tomorrow, which party would you support?" most of the survey was proba-bly for commercial purposes.



There were two themes, the first concerning mostly large. well-known companies. Questions were along the lines of How much do you know about the operations of labout eight companies listed?" "Is it your perception that leach company) is - very efficient; efficient; inefficient; very

I found that I was spending

'I began to see myself as a don't know, or even a don't care'

half my time trying conscientiously to answer the ques-tions and the other half trying to imagine what the purpose of all this could be. The pollster did not rush me but the questioning moved ahead quite briskly and distracted as I was by my own speculations. I felt sure at one point that I had claimed "a little" knowledge of a company that did not exist. (Had the devious MORI backroom persons put in a booby trap? I imagined them chuckling over my The Letters Editor of The Times, Ivan on leaving the Army Museum in Chelsea. I was stopped (by Barnes, wonders why he has been MORI, of course) to proapproached by the pollsters three times

in the waste paper basket.) My conclusion was that one of the companies was worried about its public image but wanted MORI to make sure that things were sufficiently bad before it decided how to set about repairing the damage. I felt quietly confident

that I had spotted the "guilty"

Similarly, there were a number of questions about South American countries. These (the questions, not the countries) were rather boring and seemed completely disconnected. I began to see myself as a don't know, or possibly a don't care. Although this was more difficult, I was fairly confident that I could spot the client country/tourist office involved. Again, I took this to be part of a name-recognition or

image-building exercise. But who knows? Bob Worcester's merry crew have doubtless filled the process with false trails, if not false companies, to lead the curious astray. The pollster was dis-cretion itself. Whenever I asked questions of my own, she politely but firmly took us straight back to the MORI matter in hand. The whole thing took just over half an hour. It was all most enjoyable and we parted almost like old friends.

My second encounter with MORI was shortly before Easter. I had just moved to a house in Southwark, not far from London Bridge. As I was struggling with my key and an armful of books on the doorstep, I was approached by a polite, middle-aged man who wanted to canvass me-Wonderful. With the election campaign well under way, here was my chance to

information about my muse um-going habits and my interest in individual military campaigns. This was interest political life; to contribute, in a ing but it could hardly make sense, to Peter Riddell's auup for being left out of the thoritative front-page analysis general election campaign.

The question remains as to why MOR1 keeps picking on me. One of my daughters says there must be a shortage of stooped, grumpy, balding 55 to 65-year-olds and that MORI polisters have difficulty meeting their norm. I put it down to personal magnetism and charm. Or is Bob Woreester having me followed?



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at noon, having missed nothing.

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The tape has the further great virtue of lasting less than two minutes. It thus differs markedly from the real thing in — to pluck an example at random - Cricklewood. where thanks to street lighting visible from Hale-Bopp and passing cars blasting the ghetto all night, dawn begins at sunset, so that, down here, disorientated tits may start pumping their tyres up at any time, and wrens go bang on an entirely capricious basis, never mind flocks of magpies which can bring light sleepers suddenly jack-knifing upright from their sacks at

rom tomorrow on, however, it will be possible to stick earplugs in, insulating you from all this racket, get a good night's kip, and phone the dawn chorus while you're shaving. Nor, I very much hope, will BT's caring enterprise stop there: how very pleasant it would be, in spring, to phone the Croaking Frogline, or in autumn, particularly after hunting goes to its inevitable doom, to dial a nostalgic two minutesworth of horn, hooves, baying and dismemberment. Which is not, of course, to ignore the ethnic multiplicity of Britain: I myself have many friends and neighbours, now branched poignantly far from their exotic roots, who would, I'm certain, relish the opportunity to ring some 0891 number for the sunset chorus of okapi padding down to the water-hole, the lion's roar, the hippo's yawn, the rhino's belch, while others yearn to hear again the crash of tigers through the Bengali undergrowth or the redolent note - not unlike a bicycle pump, actually - of an elderly koala regurgitating a eucalyptus leaf.

As for myself - and I speak here as both an animal lover and a BT shareholder I should most like to be able to phone a. dog. I have always wanted to keep a dog, but they're a frightful liability, they have to be schooled, they have to be walked, they have to be vetted, they have to be groomed, they bite people, they chase cats, they foul footpaths, they eat that ghastly jelloid muck you have to spoon out for them, and this strikes me as a great deal of trouble to go to just to enjoy their companionship. But having a dog on the other end of the phone whenever you wanted would be just the ticket: if you felt lonely, you could ring it up, it would bark, it would pant, it would bring sticks to the phone, you would say good boy, good dog, all that stuff, and there'd be no hairs on the furniture or coppers ringing up to say they'd just prised it off the A41. I shall give BT a bell right now. It pays to talk.



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t a public meeting a year ago, somebody asked Tony Blair what he would do after the election if he lost. Mr Blair was briefly nonplussed. He then said slowly and with evident sincerity, "I think I should be ... very unhappy."

As of now, Mr Blair's happiness

seems secure. The jury in the case of the Tory Government is filing back to a packed courtroom. The judge is fingering his black cap. In normal circumstances the condemned man would have time for a square meal, a confession and a last wish. But British general elections are brutal affairs. Death is instantaneous. The removal van will arrive on Friday and 18 years of British history will be pulped, with no one even sorting the dry waste from the wet. The last cry of the famous, "Speak well of me when I'm gone!" will die on John Major's lips amid the slamming of gates and the plaudits of another man's victory.

If only we could have nice elections. Rarely have two such decent men as Mr Major and Mr Blair faced each other at the hustings — and been obliged to speak so ill of each other. The past week's charges, that Labour would disunite the kingdom and the Tories would end the National Health Service, struck new lows in electoral mendacity. By Friday this will be as chaff in the wind. Unless something most strange hap-pens, Mr Blair will be triumphant and a new age will dawn. So, on the final day of what historians will refer to as "Britain 1979-97", let us grant the condemned man his last wish. Let us speak well of him.

Mr Major's weaknesses have always concealed his strengths. No political leader since the war was dealt a tougher hand on taking office. After Margaret Thatcher's assassination in November 1990, he was charged by his colleagues only to be different. I recall a Cabinet minister, the blood still wet on his hands, crying that enough was enough. The revolution needed a rest. The party must consolidate. Mr Major was the candidate of the whips' office, of the soft option. Ministers longed to enter the Cabinet room without feeling sick in their stomachs.

When Margaret Thatcher said that Mr Major was her anointed, that he was "pure gold", I shuddered for him. She was not just bequeathing a vague -ism called Thatcherism; she left him with a war in Iraq, a poll tax, a devilish European treaty to negotiate, a fixed

As John Major goes to the scaffold with dignity, the era of Thatcherism closes

exchange rate for sterling and a 10-point deficit in the opinion polls. Mr Major quietly set about his business. He won the war. He rid himself of poll tax. secured the Maastricht opt-out clauses and brought his party against all odds to a fourth election victory in 1992. All this he effected with a dogged dignity. He also scrambled untidily out of the exchange-rate mechanism. This was despite a widening split in his party over Europe, which none of his predecessors had bridged. No feat of leadership could, I believe, have resolved the Tories'

After the heady belligerence of Mar-

garet Thatcher, the Tories seemed to wel-"dumbing down". Every politi-cian takes on the colouring of his constitu-Mr Major

brought from Huntingdon the sleepy conservatism of the dormitory shire. The mud of sleaze never

stuck to Honest John. Neither friend nor foe quaked at his footstep. When he thundered, it came out as a whine. He was pathetically sensitive to media attack. But if humanity is a weakness in a politician, it can hardly be rated a

eanwhile Mr Major did precisely what Baroness Thatcher asked of him. He held her revolution on track. Indeed he pressed on through territory she had considered impassable. He went for the privatisation of rail and coal, of postal services and a swathe of defence industries. She had opposed them all. He was able to proceed by dulling the language of Thatcherism. and in doing so won the 1992 election. That victory ensured that the supplyside reforms of the 1980s endured into the 1990s. It entrenched the culture of competition and the stripping out of trade union protectionism. Had the Tories lost in 1992, Neil Kinnock's Labour Party would have undone much of the work of the 1987 Parliament. There

would have been no further

privatisations. Britain would have igned the social chapter of Maastricht. Mr Major did not just mark time. Each Queen's Speech held new horrors for the Left and delights for the Right, as did the recent manifesto. The Cabinet plunged, careless of popularity, into the privatisation of pensions, childcare, old people's services and the London Underground. In education and penal policy I would put Mr Major to the right of Lady Thatcher. She was chary of offending the professions. She endorsed the Hurd-Clarke liberal era at the Home Office. Mr Major brushed it aside. Whitehall privatised anything that moved or stood

still, the Stationery Of-fice, the Naafi, Greenwich Palace, even Admiralty Arch. Fresh breezes blew through public sector, including the law, the Armed Forces, Oxbridge and the BBC. On Monday, British

truck-drivers caught by the fishing blockade were being fined for driving in France over the weekend. Many Britons were incredulous. They did not realise that such commercial freedom is no longer allowed on the Continent. Trucks may not be driven at the weekend in France or Germany. Machinery cannot be worked through the night. Sit next to any continental businessman and he will comment on such "unfair" differences between British companies and comparable ones abroad, in airlines, printing, construction, entertainment and financial services. That difference is not just a difference between Britain now and Britain 1979. It is between Britain and the rest of Europe. The difference is rooted in policy. In over a decade of statute law reform and enforced

competitiveness. Mr Major was able to maintain the Thatcher legacy because she had al-ready blazed the trail through as yet uncharted jungle. By 1990 she was exhausted and hesitant. She had lost the confidence of her Cabinet and was well adrift in the polls. She bitterly protested afterwards that "nobody ever voted me out of office". She was right. But had they done so, her going would have brought crashing down much that she

The Major succession was one of the deftest manoeuvres of post-war Toryism. It secured for Thatcherism a further seven years, which were inconceivable if Margaret Thatcher herself had remained leader. But the Major succession did more than that. It drove Labour into a paroxysm of reform and eventual imitation. There is no greater compliment to the Thatcher-Major era than the thinness of today's Labour manifesto. Mr Blair's adoption of Tory spending targets, his retreat into the Eurosceptic lair, and his acceptance of changes in the welfare state, are unthinkable among social democrat parties elsewhere in Europe. They were unthinkable among Tories ten years ago, and among Labour five years ago. At last a Thatcherite can truly say, there is no alternative.

Margaret Thatcher reinterpreted Conservatism as a doctrine of strong, centralised government aimed at specific policy goals. She left as monolithic and, I believe, as intrusive a state sector as she inherited, albeit one of a very different character. "Never let anyone say I am laissez-faire." she once said. There was too much to do. She made Conservatism synonymous with radicalism, just as Labour drifted into an obsessive conservatism.

ohn Major sustained that radicalism both by his own actions in office and by magnetising new Labour to the cause. Mr Blair has been scrupulous in saying "Some things the Conservatives got right. We will not change them . . . What counts is what works." Hence Mr Major's bitterness this week at the charge that he would undermine the basic pension and healthcare. To keep Toryism radical without sacrificing its welfare credentials has been his goal. Britain has contrived to reform its state and private sectors and yet control the extravagances to which other democra-cies have fallen prey. Unlike America, it has done so without besmirching the name or the practice of liberalism. Mr Blair should note how this was done, and be grateful.

No prime minister gladly walks to the scaffold. But some do it with more dignity than others, and with more to their credit than is written up in lights. One such is John Major.

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The intelligentsia won't betray Blair, insists Ben Pimlott

hatever has happened in this non-cerebral campaign to left-wing intellectuals? In the past, no election was complete without some egghead or other popping up to remind the redneck British electorate of its atavism. "A period of silence would be

doctrine of sewn-up lips. In 1997, a period of silence is precisely what the intellectuals have provided. As Sir Alfred Sherman indicated (perhaps unintentionally) in yesterday's letters column, attempts to present them as disenchanted have fallen flat.

appreciated. Clement Attlee famously growled to Professor Harold Laski in a

1940s version of the new Labour

It is true that some have mixed feelings — as a survey of recent contributors to the New Statesman revealed. One commented that he will be backing Blair, but will need "a crate of Rennies to settle my stomach first". In general, however, there has been little rocking of the boat.

A cynic might say this is because the old left-wing intelligentsia no longer exists. Marxism has vanished, social democracy is in disarray without any faith to adhere to, so it is harder to accuse the leadership of heresy. Another explanation is the proliferation of Fabian-style pressure groups, which have absorbed much of the energy that once went into writing electoral suicide notes. However, the main reason is undoubt-

edly a less-than-grudging expectancy. "The long, long night is over," in Edward Carpenter's words. "England is risen and the day is here." Intellectuals may not like all they see or don't see in the Labour manifesto. But at such a wondrous moment, quibbles are inappropriate.

There has certainly been a shift in the nature of intellectual support for Labour. In both 1945 and 1964 it was based on a belief in experimentation and "gradualism": people knew a Labour Government didn't herald Utopia, but they saw it as a step along the road. In those days, intellectuals talked progressively about taking a sluggish country in a radically new direction. Now there is a desire to bring a country in which radical absurdity has got out of hand back to sanity.

In the past, too, manifestos set out pro-grammes. This one looks like a cross between a hymnal and a blank cheque. Yet blank cheques have their attractions. Students of 20th-century history are able to point out that the doctrine of the election "mandate" requires a government to carry out what it promises, not to refrain from doing what it doesn't.
Thus many of Labour's sotto voce intellectuals argue that once the election is in the bag, a thousand flowers will bloom. The excitement and desire for change will be impossible to keep down. The new mood will be signalled, they predict, by a spontaneous singing of The Red Flag by MPs on the the day the new House of Commons assembles.

There is, of course, the allegation that some kinds of backing aren't to be taken at face value. "Kick out the Tories. Don't trust Blair. Vote Labour" says a leaflet advertising a Socialist Worker rally much in the spirit of Lenin, who once told British comrades to back Labour "as a rope supports a hanged man". Today's intellectuals, however, are not contemplating a post-electoral execution. Rather, they see Mr Blair as a facilitator, and a Blair victory as a gateway. They are irritated by appeals for trust. But they are glad of the would-be premier's youth and energy, as well as of his proven effectiveness as party leader.

There are other things. In particular they are heartened by the priority given to education (while biting their lips over an insultingly inadequate paragraph on universities, where many of them work). They see the prospect of even modest constitutional reform as promising. They especially applaud Labour's openness on Europe (and deplore any trepidatious tendency

They long for an Herculean flushing of the governmental stable and they see new Labour as a kind of political Harpic. On this, they are unashamedly vengeful: they relish the Tory collapse, the end of smirking and strutting, the ensuing civil war. They hope, savagely, that somebody really awful, such as John Redwood, will become leader of the Conservative Party

Intellectuals are a superior lot. They look glumly at the quality of some members of Labour's frontbench team. Yet they regard half-a-dozen or so members of the Shadow Cabinet hopefully, and they anticipate that the first reshuffle will see the promotion of bright up-and-comers. Their imaginations range widely. Just as the Attlee and Wilson Governments changed the social atmosphere in Britain, creating a dimate in which new ideas thrived and old prejudices were banished forever, so they believe that a millennium Labour government will - perhaps despite itself - loosen constraints. The 1910s brought an acceptance of the State's social

responsibility, the 1960s the permissive revolution. Neither was predicted; what, they wonder, will the 2000s bring? They don't have the answer: they look

forward to tomorrow night with the excitement of a child considering a gift that could be, who knows, a jack-in-thebox — offering something fun, startling, and barely imaginable. They will — this time — be more solidly behind Labour than at any election since 1964.

Next time is another matter. If new Labour turns out to be a new disappointment, they will be unforgiving. Professor Pimlott is a former chairman

P·H·S of the Fabian Society and a biographer of Harold Wilson.

High fashion jotting book at all times, and at parties he would invite inebriated

as those of Sir Roy Strong or Alan Britain's bookshops. The journals of the late fashion designer Ossie Clark are likely to be published. thanks to the persuasive power of David Hockney.

Clark, who was fatally stabbed by his male lover last August, had been assiduous at keeping his diaries since the mid 1950s. He had designed special pockets in his redbert and his close family had tweed jackets so as to carry a decided not to publish, even





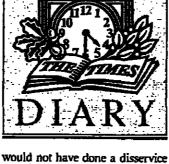
Hockney, and his portrait of the designer Ossie Clark

though Bloomsbury had been negotiating with Clark before he died. They felt that the details of the break-up of the designer's marriage to Albert's mother, Celia Birtwell, were too explicit for public gaze. But Albert has just returned from Los Angeles where friends to make contributions. he stayed with Hockney, whose More than a dozen volumes, portrait of Clark and Celia hangs chronicling intimate secrets of in the Tate Gallery. "He reminded me that my father always wanted such friends from the 1960s as Mick Jagger, Jimi Hendrix, Eric them published," he says. "I'm Clapton, Britt Eckland, Brigitte Bardot, Andy Warhol and Hockgoing to read them again, and so ney himself, are owned by Clark's eldest son, Albert, a head chef in long as they contain nothing too compromising to my family, I'll be selling to the highest bidder. I'm looking for offers in the region of £100,000. Nothing less."

That's Life

LORD HADEN-GUEST'S bibulous brother Anthony has been holding a succession of New York parties to plug his book The Last Party. One was held at Life, a trendy Manhattan club, where the management laid on a white charger to evoke the horse that Bianca Jagger once rode into a 1970s discotheque. Haden-Guest, squinting uncertainly at the nag, temporarily lost his bearings and believed himself to be in the saddling enclosure at Goodwood rather than in some late-night down-

With a bow-legged gait that Secretary, who is standing down



to Lester Piggott, Haden-Guest approached the horse and attempted to mount it - only to be prevented at the last minute from doing so by minders (of the animal), who feared that he might slip out of the saddle and sue for damages. Nonsense, of course: H-G was so welloiled that he would hardly have felt a fall.

Runneth over

WITH sleaze flying about by the bucketload. Douglas Hurd is the sort of staunch figure to remind Conservative voters of the decency with which politicians once conducted their campaigns.

Nobody could have been more welcome at the Eagle Vaults pub in the constituency of Witney, Oxfordshire, than the former Foreign

as the MP there after 14 years. Hurd sauntered in with 12 sup-porters, ordered coffee and biscuits for the lot of them and then moved on again accompanied by his mob. Not a thought for the bill of £9.10. "I just couldn't believe it," said Brad Berridge, 24, the assistant manager. "They drank their coffee then strolled out." Only after a complaint was made to the local Conservative office did Hurd's replacement as Tory candidate, Shaun Woodward, turn up to pay - two days late.

 An improbable inspiration for John Major comes in the form of



"What do you mean,

Inoperative

the 1950s screen hero, Flash Gor-

don. The Prime Minister's warning on Monday that there were

"only 72 hours left to save the UK," has the melodramatic ring

of Flash's famous screen-cry. "Only 72 hours left to save the

COULD this be the first class-conflict to trouble brother Blair and his new Labour government? The black-tied ranks of the Royal Opera House appear to have irreconcilable differences with the workers backstage.

Yesterday, the negotiations between the management and the technicians' union collapsed over working arrangements for when the opera moves out of Covent Garden during the two-year redevelopment.

The union wants "touring" money - the opera is planning to move around London and occasionally overseas -- but the management points out that it has a finite budget, and adds that a few stops down the Piccadilly line doesn't exactly constitute a tour. May I suggest that champagne socialists take their fun

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INVISIBLE ELECTION

The other ballot that is taking place tomorrow

Conservatives 18-year tenure, few would be satisfied with the state of local government. The combination of a Treasury intent on absolute command of public spending and Margaret Thatcher's determination to deal with certain hard-left Labour administrations has left local democracy in a sorry condition. The sledgehammer of Whitehall control may have cracked some pseudo-Marxist nuts but has unhinged the balance between centre and periphery in the process.

Tomorrow most English voters will receive two ballot papers at their polling station. They could be forgiven for expressing surprise. The fate of 3,213 council seats will be contested. In most places this election will be fought on radically redrawn boundaries. Many counties have been reorganised: urban areas such as Derby, Leicester, and Southampton have been separated from the rest of their counties. As of 1998 they will become independent, unitary, authorities. The remaining rural and suburban components will continue much as before. This will also be news to much of the electorate.

National politicians determined that local boundaries needed modification. In Scotland and Wales, Whitehall decided that a single tier of government was the optimal solution. In England a different strategy was adopted. A local government commission emerged with the mission of consultation and then recommendation. The Government had thought that its creature would support the widespread introduction of unitary authorities here as well. To the irritation of all concerned at the Department of the Environment, opinion at the grassroots was actually solicited and sometimes accepted. The final outcome was a complex mixture of alternative systems. That mosaic encounters the electorate tomorrow.

This has been the third time in 25 years that a Conservative Prime Minister has accepted responsibility for the structure of local government. Edward Heath destroyed

Whatever else may be the legacy of the a century of tradition, abolished historic counties and moved around their borders, in pursuit of the "perfect" size of local unit. Margaret Thatcher dismissed the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties because she did not care for the likes of Ken Livingstone. Now John Major has had his turn. Some of the new inventions will be more popular than their predecessors. Others will be alien to their residents. All the new authorities will raise barely 20 per cent of their own revenues. Even then, those councils will face numerous restrictions on how such money is spent.

A campaign conducted on boundaries largely chosen elsewhere, for the right to distribute funds on a formula largely designed elsewhere, was always unlikely to inspire mass attention. In recent local elections turnout has fallen below 40 per cent. With a general election this year, participation will be higher but profile even lower. Tomorrow's council contests have been rendered invisible. Despite the fact that practical decisions on crime, education, and social services must be taken by local politicians, the national parties have had no qualms about co-opting all three areas as private fieldoms. It is assumed that to the victor goes the spoils of local democracy.

The Conservatives may now suffer for their own attitude. The devaluation of local government has dried up a source of party activists. The Tories have been hammered in four consecutive council elections. They will not field candidates in 10 per cent of all seats tomorrow: 16 per cent in the new unitary authorities. Labour will be represented in 97 per cent of cases. That badly diminished manpower and eroded local base may prove critical for parliamentary contenders. This alone should prompt them to reconsider their centralist instincts. If the Conservatives are evicted from office this week they will doubtless move swiftly to the leadership question. They would do well to consider the local democracy issue with equal intensity.

LICENCE TO MURDER

The EU shows its tolerance of Iranian terror

The European Union is to send its ambassadors back to Tehran barely a month after they were withdrawn in disgust at Iran's officially sanctioned murder of dissident Kurdish exiles in Berlin. At the same time the EU announced yesterday the formal suspension of its "critical dialogue" with Tehran, the expulsion of any remaining Iranian intelligence agents in Europe and an end to ministerial visits to and from Tehran. These pusillanimous measures include nothing about trade, make no demands that Iran drop the fatwa against Salman Rushdie. They are, as the International Rushdie Defence Committee declared, not even a slap on the wrist; they send a message that Iran can get away with murder in Europe.

The Government argues that returning the ambassadors to Iran does not necessarily imply a softening of the EU position. Envoys, it is said, can convey a sharper message, with greater authority, than their deputies. It is in Europe's interest that Iran should be left in no doubt about European anger at its underground war against exiles and support of terrorists. It is also important that all Europe's ambassadors act together. especially in the run-up to Iranian elections when voters should know how Europe views their Government. Greece, ever ready to take advantage when a question of principle is at stake, did not even withdraw its ambassador, while Britain did so years ago in protest at the fatwa and Iran's mistreatment of a British diplomat. The worst sign of European disunity would be for the envoys

to go back in dribs and drabs, with Iran wooing each country in turn and being rewarded with an ambassador's return.

Britain also argues that the EU measures go further than several countries wanted. France was known to be unhappy with the blanket ban on ministerial visits, and wanted to make "technical" exceptions to allow senior trade officials to visit Iran. The French attempt to take advantage of the Iranian market is all too obvious, and several other countries opposed the tough line proposed by Britain and Germany. If a common EU foreign policy is to have any meaning, it must indeed be commonly agreed and observed. The new sanctions may be little more than inconvenient to Iran: but if fully observed by all 15. they do, nevertheless, send a message.

As so often, however, principle appears to have given way to national advantage. No European country supports trade sanctions against Iran because none trusts its neighbour to observe them. And with much of Europe still suffering unemployment and recession, it is all too clear that such fears are justified. This has bedevilled all attempts by the United States to formulate a coordinated Western response to Tehran's rogue regime. Yesterday's sanctions say nothing of Iranian compensation to the families killed, do little to clamp down on Iranians travelling abroad to stir up trouble. and have no real teeth to deter terrorism. Despite the Berlin judgment, Washington has far to go to convince Europe that Iran is still a threat to Western democracy.

CANADA HIGH

One Prime Minister facing a brighter future

The snap election that the Prime Minister, Jean Chrétien, has called in Canada on June 2, 17 months before it is due, is likely to see the ruling Liberals swept back to power with his own authority enhanced. After years in the doldrums, the economy is booming. foreign investment is healthy and a generous budget has boosted the feel-good factor. The Opposition is weak and divided. Canada's international prestige, enhanced by its readiness to lead a multinational force to Zaire, is high. Most importantly, some of the fratricidal bitterness over Quebec separatism has begun to ebb as the province focuses on reviving its economy.

Mr Chrétien is, nevertheless, unlikely to achieve the landslide he won at the 1993 general election when the ruling Conservatives lost all but two of their seats, including that of Kim Campbell, the Prime Minister. The Tories' devastation was so complete that the party was forced to rebuild its policies, structures and morale. Bolstered by a strong performance in some provinces, especially Ontario, and under new leadership, they are now running at about 18 per cent in the polls. The two main opposition parties now represented in Parliament, the Bloc Québécois and Reform Party, are both regional, strong in the West and in Quebec respectively but representing sectional in-

terests and unlikely to extend their vote. The Liberals cannot afford complacency. Six months ago their popularity rating was 67 per cent; now it is around 48 per cent. The main reason is that unemployment remains stubbornly high at 9 per cent and few can say that they are better off now than in 1993. Canadians are demanding; polls show that they trust their Government more than any other developed country, and appear naively bruised if it does not deliver what it promised. Since coming to power Mr Chrétien has backtracked on several campaign pledges and stolen many of the Tories' clothes - a tactic familiar in Europe but one that Canadians still regard as dishonourable.

Canada also has difficulty in recognising its own achievements. The twin burdens of constant comparison with the American giant next door and the need to readjust formerly unequal relations between anglophones and irancophones have overshadowed any pride in the country's Scandinavian-style society. The continuing uncertainty over Quebec has inhibited all Ottawa's attempts to foster a sense of nationhood and has paralysed much of the

Federal Government's normal business. On this divisive issue, however, Mr Chrétien can claim success. Shaken by the near victory of the independence referendum, the Federal Government has stepped up the pace of devolution and embarked on an energetic campaign to persuade Quebec that as a "distinct society" it has more to gain within Canada than outside. This will not satisfy many francophones, and the abrasive West would happily cast the province adrift. But for the first time in a generation, the election will not be about Canada's Constitution or its possible break-up. That is, in itself, a measure of Mr Chretien's achievement.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Multiple currencies stand for a heal-

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can expect to trade with each other in-

definitely. Single currency means lack

of flexibility which, in economics as in

engineering and personal relation-

Anyone who is "pro-Europe"

should therefore argue against a sin-

gle currency. It is precisely because

Europe matters so much that there

must be that flexibility. It is tragic to

see the people who are opposed to a

single currency being described as "antis"; it is they who are the real

Sir, Mr Major had his opportunity to

"save the union" (report, April 29), in-

stead he chose integration into a fed-

eral Europe.
Since 1992 he has bludgeoned the

Maastricht treaty through Parliament

and handed over much of the UK's

shared democratic heritage to an un-

elected and unaccountable bureau-

He should not complain that many

Scots now want their own regional

forum (independence is a misnomer)

with direct access to the halls and

backrooms of Brussels. After all this is

where laws governing Scotland are

now made, where Westminster's pow-

er is regularly overruled and where the UK's wealth increasingly goes to

Sir. By urging voters to support Euro-

sceptic candidates of the bigger par-

ties you will only contribute to the con-

tinuation of their sell-out policies. Far

better a million votes for the UKIP

and the Referendum Party, even if no

(Parliamentary Candidate for Oxford

politician is to take his votes.

East, UK Independence Party).

78 St Marys Road, Oxford.

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Yours faithfully, DAVID FLEMING,

104 South Hill Park,

From Mr Julian Williams

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Yours sincerely

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Yours faithfully, PETER GARDNER

April 29.

JULIAN WILLIAMS,

95e Hornsey Lane, No.

From Mr P. P. Gardner

Hampstead, NW3.

Labour funding for cancer care

From Professor D. J. Kerr

Sir, Dr Sandy Macara, Chairman of the British Medical Association, is surely wrong to deride Labour's pledge to spend £100 million in reducing NHS waiting lists (report, April 18). If this involvement was scattered across the NHS I would agree that it would be lost without trace; but Labour plans to focus on cancer services.

A poll recently undertaken by Bir-mingham Health Authority of residents in its area, one of the largest in the UK, demonstrated that cancer, still a stigmatising illness, is the number-one health priority for every age group of those polled. It is also well recognised that there are large variations in cancer survival, depending upon where you live, and consequently in the delivery of cancer ser-

An NHS fragmented into a series of warring city-states, so-called trusts, militates against the possibility of promoting the sort of seamless, quality care to take us out of the lower divisions of Europe's cancer survival

Labour will promote a hub-andspoke model, linking cancer centres and units in district general hospitals, ensuring inter-trust collaboration and improving the homogeneity of cancer care by multidisciplinary teams of health professionals. The party has made a commitment of new, earmarked funds which will be devolved to the regions to help pump-prime this pro-

Ten million pounds, to be added to an existing allocation of £30 million, spent on the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer, will not immediately solve the problem. However, those of us charged regionally and nationally with the task of implementing improved delivery of cancer care wel-come this focused and strategic investment in the nation's health.

The hub-and-spoke model could be a paradigm for improving other aspects of healthcare and an important step towards renationalising the NHS.

Yours sincerely, DAVID KERR (Clinical Director). CRC Institute for Cancer Studies, University of Birmingham, Edghaston, Birmingham BIS 27T.

Election 97

From Lord Rix, Chairman of Mencap Sir, Matthew Parris, writing on sectors of society which have not been considered throughout the election campaign (People in search of a party", April 25) singles out "the poor and the public sector". I would add disabled people.

At least 1.2 million people have learning disabilities and a further 4.8 million have disabilities of other kinds. With so many marginal seats it is worth reminding the politicians that these seats could be swung by the thousands of votes of disabled people and their families.

The Disability Discrimination Act, introduced last December, was intended as a move towards civil rights, as the Community Care Act was towards good community care. Instead there seems to be a steady erosion in rights for people with disabilities, with legislation which had seemed positive being negatively interpreted.

Candidates who offer to make the hope of wholehearted community care a reality could be amazed at their support on Thursday.

Yours etc. BRIAN RIX. Chairman, Mencap, Mencap National Centre, 123 Golden Lane, ECI. April 25.

From Mr Neil Moore

Sir, You published a letter from a group of former Tories who have deected to the Liberal Democrats (April 28). I write as a lifelong Liberal who is moving the other way and expects to vote Conservative for the first time ever on May I.

I shall be voting for John Major, not for the fractious, squabbling party that has let him down. He has presided over the healthiest UK economy that I can remember. He is pragmati-cally but not neurotically Eurosceptic. Perhaps, above all, he stands for a principle -- the individual freedom of choice -- which too many Liberal Democrats seem to have forgotten.

not least in education. I believe that Mr Major has fought an honest campaign and offers the best chance of preserving traditional liberal values.

Yours etc. NEIL MOORE, 26 Lower Castle Road. St Mawes, Cornwall. April 29.

From Mr Denis Christian

Sir. When two of the three major players in an election are purveying a similar product, is it not rather silly to describe the third option as a "wasted

Yours faithfully, DENIS CHRISTIAN. 2 Chichester Place. Kemp Town. Brighton, East Sussex. April 28.

Tactical voting for Eurosceptics

From the Chairman of the European From Dr David Fleming Movement - United Kingdom

Sir, You urge readers, in effect, to vote against supporters of the European Movement in the general election (The good Eurosceptic's guide to making the most of a tactical vote". April 28, later editions: leading article, April 29). May I respond by saying that the backing courageously given to the European Movement by colleagues in all parties is motivated by a desire to sec a strong Britain leading a strong Europe. Contrary to fears stirred up by Eurosceptics, Britain's independence is not at stake. However, our prosperity and influence would be at risk should we become semidetached from Europe.

This threat has come about because people have wallowed in anti-EU rhetoric instead of looking at the reality of what EU membership means - access to the world's largest single market, 3.5 million jobs linked to exports to the EU, inward investment which companies like Toyota and Siemens have clearly indicated to be in jeopardy if Britain turns its back on Europe.

In the early 1980s, I stayed in the Labour Party, opposed extremism and lought for a sensible policy on Europe until common sense prevailed. In the same spirit, I shall remain a Times reader.

Yours sincerely. GILES RADICE, Chairman, European Movement -United Kingdom, Dean Bradley House. 52 Horseferry Road, SWI.

From Mr Michael Hutchings

Sir, Unlike the jingoistic minority who want nothing of Europe in any form. vast numbers of us desperately want the UK to get back to playing its full part in the EU as soon as possible. We have already lost ground at the negotiating table because the Government has been distracted by party squabbling. Most of the people I meet in the rest of Europe do not revel in our disarray; they still want our full involve-

The EU needs to be strong and unified in order to ensure that we continue to live in the relatively peaceful and prosperous society that we have enjoyed during the 24 years of our membership. That seems to me a more concrete definition of sovereignty than the colour of my passport.

Yours faithfully. MICHAEL HUTCHINGS (Consultant on EU law) 76 Manville Road, SW17.

The Norway fallacy

From Dr Neville March Hunnings

Sir. The example of Norway is continually paraded before us (for example. letter, April 23) as a modus vivendi which would allow us to have our European cake and eat it. It is false.

Norway is not outside the Common Market: it is an integral part of it. It is subject to all the rules in the EC Treaty and its directives and regulations on the manufacture and trade in goods and services, on the immigration of workers and the self-employed. on transport, employment, consumer protection, the environment, etc lexcept, notably, agriculture and fisheries). Its companies must obey the EC competition rules, which are acrively enforced. Its courts are bound by community law as interpreted by the European Court in Luxembourg, either directly or through the preliminary rulings of the Efta court, also in

Luxembourg. If the UK left the EU it might indeed be able to join Norway in the European Economic Area (EEA). But in such a case it would, like Norway, still be bound by most of the rules and constraints (and reciprocal benefits) to which the Eurosceptics object. In return, we would be excluded from the

EU's political negotiating processes. play no part in the drafting and adop-tion of new EU laws (which would nevertheless become binding on us, as they are on Norway) and perhaps more importantly, be expelled from our inside seat (on the K.4 Committee) in the European fight against organised crime, etc.

The Norwegian EEA path is not an attractive one for Britain. The Swiss path may be more attractive but is not available. Throughout the EU the most virulent political swearword is and always has been "free trade area". usually preceded by the word "mere". It is inconceivable that anyone in the EU would ever accept any UK free trade access outside the EEA. ie. without the UK being legally bound by the EU's decision-making.

If we wish to extricate ourselves from the law of the European Union, the only way is by complete withdrawal. We could then try to use our diplomatic muscle (if any); but we would be in the same position as Brazil or India or Australia or Canada, There is no middle way.

Yours faithfully, NEVILLE MARCH HUNNINGS Reports, 1964-94). II Russell Hill, Purley, Surrey.

Sir, Sir Peter Hall (letter, April 21) and Barbara Smoker (April 24) criticise

the actions of the Society of Authors as

literary agent for the Shaw estate. The

society is duty bound to follow the in-

structions of the trustees of the estate

and its main beneficiaries; it can ad-

vise on but not decide matters it then

It is easy but unfair to blame the

agent for the decisions of a principal.

In 1932, writing in the society's jour-

nal, The Author, Shaw himself stated

that it was safer to leave off one's

breastplate than one's backplate when

After all it is possible for the impre-

sario, Duncan Weldon, to sublicence

rights which he holds in a particular

play, and which if all parties agree.

could be a nice little earner for him

The National Theatre in Sir Peter's

day still owned the English stage

rights in Guys and Dolls, as Lord

Olivier had long had a yen to appear

as Nathan Detroit. It was left to Sir

Richard Eyre to rescue that classic in

1982, for the benefit of us all.

Crondall, Farnham, Surrey.

Control of the Contro

battling for authors' rights.

has to negotiate,

into the bargain.

The Cedars.

April 24.

GBS's classics Finish your veg From Mrs Kathleen Boothman From Mr John Coleby

Sir. I discussed your report (April 22) on chocolate-flavoured carrots with my 10-year-old daughter.

She agreed that children were put off cooked vegetables by their texture rather than their taste: "At school it's the sogginess of the cabbage, the squashiness of the broccoli, the floppiness of the carrots that people hate." She added that when raw carrot sticks were served they were always eaten in a flash.

Doesn't this suggest an alternative approach to the problem of vegetablerejecting children? Quite a number of vegetables can be eaten raw. These are generally better for the teeth and digestion and - provided they are fresh - retain more of their vitamin content.

Yours faithfully. K. BOOTHMAN, 35 The Park. Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

From Professor J. M. Thoday Sir, Why don't they sell carrotflavoured carrots?

Yours faithfully, JOHN COLEBY Yours sincerely. J. M. THODAY, (Clerk, Society of Authors, 1970-76; 7 Clarkson Road, Cambridge. Rights Manager, National Theatre. April 22. 1976-80).

Letters for publication may be faxed to 0171-782 5046.

Sir, The trouble with the Europe de-Simon Cocksedge bate is that the labels have somehow got switched onto the wrong bottles.

From Honorary Alderman

Sir, The Chairman of the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra) and others state that "the time has come for a new liquor licensing Act" (letter, April 22) but they should ask our politicians to justify why there should be any licens-

No consensus on drink law reform

ing legislation at all. What role does the State play in telling us where we may buy or drink al-cohol? Surely the market and the individual's wishes are a better regulator of the provision and consumption of alcohol than any legislation.

Yours sincerely, SIMON COCKSEDGE. 24 Amberley Gardens, Bedford.

From Mr George Thompson Brake

Sir. Few people who have studied the development of licensing legislation and its administration will agree that a new licensing Act is needed. The "permitted hours" brought in during the First World War have gone: the legal drinking age has been reduced from 21 to 18; children are now allowed on premises where provision is made for them; retailing of liquor is no longer confined to public houses and licensed clubs, nor are magistrates required to take account of "need" in considering applications for

Apart from restrictions imposed by legislation, the licensed trade has made public houses more acceptable to families, providing restaurants and attractive menus. Increasing use of identity cards for young people has

helped to discourage rowdy elements. In my experience it is not true to say the police and magistrates support reform", if by that is meant further relaxation. Police opposition to granting further licences in vulnerable areas indicates their concern for public

Some of the recommendations in the early Seventies by the Erroll committee on licensing and also by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission would have created a free for all. Is this what Camra and others are advocating?

Yours faithfully, G. THOMPSON BRAKE Co-author, Drink in Great Britain, 1900 to 1979, Edsall, 1980), 43 Florence Gardens. Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex.

Safety in numbers

From Mr P. S. H. Lawrence

Sir, The three women in a boat shown in your 1895 photograph (report, "One vote prevents male dons joining allwoman college", April 24) were only

playing for safety.

My copy of the Memorandum on the conduct & discipline of junior members of the University. Oxford 1932, rules that

Men and Women Undergraduates may not go on the river or for motor rides together. unless each Woman Undergraduate has previously obtained leave from the Prin-cipal of her College and there are at least

Yours faithfully, PETER LAWRENCE. Simeons, Little Milton, Oxford. April 24.

Victory anthem?

From the Organist of Hereford Cathedral

Sir, I am glad that the music for Evensong on election day is coming along so nicely (letters, April 22, 23, 24 and 23) but I lear I cannot find much in the daily psalms to encourage either Mr Major or Mr Blair. On the contrary. the psalmist on the seventh evening of the month is quite specific: "but the righteous is merciful and liberal" (Psalm xxxvii, 21).

Yours faithfully. ROY MASSEY, 1 College Cloisters. Cathedral Close, Hereford. April 28.

From Mr Hugh Stephenson

Sir, Many years ago, when I was at school, the general election day hymn chosen for morning assembly was Hymns Ancient & Modern number 738 - Come, labour on! The headmaster was thought to have had radical leanings.

The Conservatives won the election on that occasion. So much for dedicated behest. Perhaps someone thought His name was being taken in vain?

Yours sincerely, HUGH STEPHENSON. 7 Westbury Avenue, Claygate, Esher, Surrey.

From Mr A. Osbaldiston

Sir, A clergyman, when asked which party he was going to vote for, replied that a man in his position could not declare his politics.

However, he added, if the Tories win the opening hymn on Sunday will be Now thank we all our God: if Labour wins, O God our help in ages past and, should the Liberal Democrats win, then it will be God moves in a mysterious way.

Yours sincerely, A. OSBALDISTON, Kinder, Pinkham Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Worcestershire. April 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE April 29: Mr David Dain was received in audience by The Queen upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Islamic Mrs Dain was also received by

Her Majesty. His Excellency Mr Ma

Zhengang was received in audi-ence by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the People's Republic of China to the Court of St James's.

Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs) The Lieutenant Governor of

British Columbia and Mrs Gardom were received by Her

Majesty.

Mr Justice Neuberger was received by The Queen upon his
appointment as a Justice of the
High Court when Her Majesty
conferred upon him the honour of conferred upon film invested him with Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor. The Lady Susan Hussey has succeeded Lady Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 29: The Princess Royal,
President, the British Academy of
Film and Television Arts, this
evening attended the Fiftieth
Anniversary Awards at the Royal Albert Hall, London SW7. CLARENCE HOUSE April 29: The Lady Margaret

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will inspect and review The King's Troop, RHA, in Regent's Park, at 11.30 and will lunch at the barracks

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Patron, will present the Association for Science Education Certificates to the 1997 Science Scholars and attend a dinner at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, at 6.40.

The Prince of Wales, as President, The Prince of Wales Business Leader's Forum, will attend a seminar and reception for Euro-pean members at St James's Palace at noon.

The Princess Royal will present the awards at the Schools Curriculum Award Ceremony, the Barbican. 10.55; and as Patron, International Health Exchange, will attend the annual meeting at the Royal College of Nursing, at 5.15.

Lord, presided at a Navy Board

dinner held last night at Admiralty

House to mark the retirement of

Admiral Sir Hugo White, Vice-

Admiral Sir Toby Frere and Rear-

Admiral Fred Scourse and the retirement from the board of Rear-

Dr James Smith, Master of the

Engineers' Company, assisted by Dr D.S. Mitchell, Senior Warden,

and Dr LJ. Weaver, Junior War-

den, presided at an installation dinner held last night at

Clothworkers' Hall. After the din-

ner the President of the Institution

of Mechanical Engineers pre-

sented the Stephenson Cup to the

Master to mark the 150th anniver-

institution. Awards for engineer-ing excellence and achievement

Engineers' Company

Dinners

as Lady in Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. ST JAMES'S PALACE April 29: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning

Colville has succeeded Lady Penn

presided at a meeting of The Prince's Council at 10 Buckingham Gate, London SW1. His Royal Highness this after noon attended a Reception at St James's Palace for the Prayer Book

Society's Twenty Fifth The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince's Trust, this evening attended Jesus Christ Superstar at the Lyceum Theatre, London WCl.

YORK HOUSE ST JAMES'S PALACE April 29: The Duke of Kent, Vice-

Chairman, the British Overseas Trade Board, this morning arrived at London Heathrow airport from Johannesburg, South Africa. Mr Nicolas Adamson was in

The Duchess of Kent, Patron UK Committee for UNICEF, this morning visited the Hlatlolanang Project, Hlatlolanang, Northern Province, South Africa.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK

April 29: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Rt Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, left Heathrow Air-port, London, this afternoon to undertake engagements in Mary-land, United States of America. Captain Neil Blair, RN, is in attendance.

Birthdays today

The King of Sweden celebrates his 51st birthday today.

Sir James Adams, diplomat, 65; Mr Peter Ahrends, architect, 64; Dr G.E. Aylmer, former Master, Dr G.E. Aylmer, former Master, St Peter's College, Oxford, 71: Mrs Janey Buchan, former MEP. 71: Mrs Barbara Calvert, QC, 71: Judge Sir Robin David, QC, 75: Mr Dickie Davies, sports commentator, 64: Lord Diamond, 90: Dame Isabel Graham-Bryce, former chairman, Oxford Regional Hospital Board, 95: Mr Leslie Grantham, actor, 51: Mr G.M. Guthrie, former chief executive, Macca Leisure, 56: Mr Tony Mecca Leisure, 56; Mr Tony Harrison, poet, 60; Mr R.J.D. Hazell, director, Constitution Unit, 49; Mr Alfred Lomas, MEP. 69; Lord McIntosh of Haringey, 64: Mr Keith Povey, Chief Constable, Leicestershire, 54; Lord Sanderson of Bowden, 64; Professor Graham Upton, Vice-Chancellor designate, Oxford Brookes University, 53.

gravel drives. gravet orives.

Several competitions are being held with this show, which opened

Sporting colourful tubular or bell-shaped flowers, they are ideal

plants for a gravel garden and actually become naturalised in

Gold medal

winners

beat the

frosts

By ALAN TOOGOOD

HORTICULTURE

CORRESPONDENT

ALTHOUGH rhododendron

blooms have been severely dam-

aged by frost in many gardens, a

high-quality display has scooped a gold medal at the Royal Horti-

cultural Society's flower show at

Westminster.
The exhibitors, Knap Hill and Slocock Nurseries, of Knaphill.
Surrey, kept their show plants under glass for protection. The display includes many of their own

display includes many of their own hybrids plus a trio of new low-growing, very hardy cultivars from Belgium: "Thor", with large bell-shaped bright red flowers; "Nancy Evans", with heads of butter-yellow flowers from pinktinged buds; and "Goldkrone", whose light yellow flowers have crimson speckling in the throat. All are rated first-class garden plants. Scotts Clematis, of Lee, North Devon, have also secured a gold

Devon, have also secured a gold medal. Their display includes an unusual clematis from New Zea-

land: Clematis cartmanii "Joe", a slow-growing trailing kind with cascades of small white flowers.

ideal for patio containers. Not

totally hardy, it needs winter protection under glass.

An exhibit of stellar, angel, scented-leaved, regal and ivyleaved pelargoniums has won a gold medal for Fir Trees Pelargo-

nium Nursery, of Stokesley,

Cleveland.

Bill Ash, of Loggerheads, Shropshire, an amateur grower of begonias and tropical aroids, has staged a comprehensive display of these plants, including several new introductions from Malaysia and

America. Begonia chlorostica is outstanding with dark green heart-shaped leaves spotted and edged

with light green, and the pink-spotted B. malachostica is also

eyecatching. Mr Ash also carries

out plant breeding on a small scale and one of his plants. Anthurium

"Crystalline Velvet", takes pride of

place and sports large deep green velvety leaves with broad silver

Spring-flowering perennials and other plants are the mainstays of the show. Among those shown by Hopleys Plants, of Much Hadham, Hertfordshire, is a small collection of cerinthes, a genus which is all set to become popular. Sporting colourful tubular or hell-



Rare begonia puts its heart into an outstanding display

yesterday. The best specimen bloom in the Royal National Rose Society's competition for plants grown under glass is the old largeflowered "Piccadilly", shown by a leading prizewinner, Mr J.I.M. Naylor, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, who has also won the class for six specimen blooms of modern roses. again featuring "Piccadilly". Mr NJ. Chapman, of Canterbury, Kent, has won the main class for cluster-flowered roses, with the "Tmilus".

Due to the recent damaging spring frosts, the RHS main rhadodendron competition is poorly supported. High Beeches Gardens Conservation Trust, of

Handeross, West Sussex, has won the Roza Stevenson challenge cup for best spray of a species, with mauve Rhododendron oreo-trephes, and the class for six hybrids with "Roza Stevenson" (yellow). Loderi "King George" (blush), "Marie Curie" (red), "Su-san" (mauve), "Loder's White" and "Earl of Athlone" (crimson). Mr B. Wright, of Crowborough, Sussex, has won the McLaren challenge cup for best truss of a species with R. aberconwayi (white, flecked crimson). The Loder challenge cup, for one truss of any hybrid,

with "Roza Stevenson"

won the Devonshire trophy for a further 12 cultivars. The best vase of blooms in the RHS tulip competition is the pink Triumph or Mid-season Douglas Bader shown by Miss M. Charlwood, of Brighton, Sussex. has been won by Mr Richard Gilbert, of Bodmin, Cornwall,

The show, in the New Horti-cultural Hall, Greycoar Street.

late daffodil competition. Mr

Brian S. Duncan, of Omagh

Northern Ireland, has won the

class for 12 cultivars bred and

raised by the exhibitor, one of

which, an un-named red small-

cupped, has been judged best bloom in the show. He has also

Westminster, is open today from

RAF Maintenance Group Air Vice-Marshal R.H. Kyle, AOC Maintenance Units/Chief Exec-

Forthcoming marriages

Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr Roy Fullick. Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, said the bidding prayer. Mr Desmond Ryman read the lesson and Sir Edward Pickering read from Milion's Areopagitica. Mr Bryan Bateman. Director of Business and the Environment.

Paper Federation. Mr Richard

Harrison and Mr Harry Pollak

gave addresses. Among others

Memorial

services

Mr George Mandl
A service of thanksgiving for the
lile and work of Mr George
Mandl, paper manufacturer and
former Master of the Company of

Stationers and Newspaper Mak-

ers, was held yesterday at SI

gave addresses. Among others present were:

Mrs Mandt (widow). Dr Anita Jennings (sisten). Mrs D Fox and Mrs Y Wyrsch (sistens-In-law). Mrs Alice Enunnings (sisten). Tonder, Mr Peter Manson, Mr Paul Manson and other members of the family.

Mr Vernon Sullivan (Under Warden, Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers) with Brigadier Denzil Sharp, Clerk, members of the the Court of Assistants and Livery. Mr R Melling (director, G.T. Mandl) with Mr A Hairris (Four Stones Paper Mill). Mr W.L. Daniel, Mr W Faes, and other past and present members of staff; Mrs Gina Isaac (Society of Bookbinders). Mr Hugh Baiston (Whatman). Mr Geoffrey Burdin (Paper Trade Gold Medai Club).

Mr Ron Parkin (National Paper Museumt, Mr M- Morley (Paper Association, Southern District), Mr T Spurgeon (Inveresk Paper), Mr John Paint [Paper Agents Association), Mr Michael Jones (Ernst and Young) and Mrs Jones, Mr Albi Rosenthal (Ono Haas), Miss Julia Rosenthal (Ono Haas), Miss Julia Rosenthal (Paper Klistorians) with other members of the association.

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Mr Brian Anwood (American TAPPI), Mr Russell Adams (Paper Agents Association), Mr Peter Guy (Writkyn de Worde Society), Mr Tom Priffi (ARACRUZ). Dr R S Woof (Wordsworth Trusti and Mrs Woof), Mr Paul Crosson (Mills and Wood), Dr Stephen Row (Sothebry) with Miss Susan Whatron and Miss Sarah Cooper, Mr Peter Ingram (Paper Publications).

Publications).
MIS Roy Fullick. Mrs Desmond
Ryman, Mrand Mrs B T Coulton, Mr
and Mrs W B Hodgson, Mr David
Wyndham-Smith, Mr C T Rivington, Wyndham-Smith, Mr C T Rivington, Mr F T Rippon. Mr A F Thompson. Mr A F Thompson. Mr A F Thompson. Mr A B Thompson. Mr All Mr Alan Brooker. Mr and Mrs P Cos. Captain Peter Hames. RN. Mr Trevor Turner. Mr Röger McNaughton, Mr and Mrs John Sütt, Miss Delphine Stephens, Mrs Mary Lewis. Mr and Mrs Peter Beck. Miss Helen Mark. Mr and Mrs Peter Beck. Miss Helen Mark. Mr and Mrs Barry Suculifie. Mr H Adler. Mr A Lettis. Miss Robin Byers. Mr Michael Pelharn. Mr E S Cormacey. Mr Brian and Dr Margaret Blunden, Mr A K Föllock. Mr and Mrs Peter Gwynn. Mr Bob Russell. Mr Peter Penke and many other friends and former colleagues.

Mr Frank Launder

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Frank Launder, screen-writer and film director, was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. The Rev Donald Reeves officiated. Mr Gavin Launder, grandson, read the lesson and Mr John Davie read from the works of Edward

Mr Roy Boulting and Mr Ivor Herbert gave addresses. Ms Caro-line Brown sang from Bach's Bist Du bei mir and an Afro-American spiritual. Among others present

spiritual. Among others present were:

Mrs Launder (widow), Mr and Mrs Ewan Launder (son and daughterIn-law), Miss Georgian Launder and Miss Asisling Launder (daughters), Mr and Mrs George Oglivy (son-inlaw) and daughter). Mrs Gavin Launder, Mr Kleron Launder and Mrs Adam Blake (grandchildren), Charlotte and Amy Launder (great grandchildren), Miss Janet Oglivy, Mr and Mrs Sean O'Farrell, Miss Peggy Launder, Mr and Mrs Jonathan O'Farrell, Mr and Mrs Launder (glivy, Mr and Mrs Launder), Mr and Mrs Leslie Gilllat, Mrs Amanda Gillat, representatives of the Savage Club. Movie Memories Magazine, the Walton Theatre Collection and many other friends.

Service

utive Maintenance Group Defence Agency/Air Officer Maintenance attended at dinner held last night at RAF North Luffenham to mark his retirement from the Royal Air Force. Group Captain B.J. Benstead. Officer Commanding.

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Mr M.A.N. Tomlin and the Hon Susan Craig The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs C.S.N. Tomlin, of Binham, Norfolk, and Susan, daughter of Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Mr G.E.L Lushington and Miss T.N.J. Binns

The engagement is announced between Greville, second son of Sir John Lushington, Bt, and Lady Lushington, of Henham, Essex, and Tracey, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L.B. Binns, of Scissett,

Mr J.M.R. Dodwell and Miss I.J.L Cadell The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr Richard Dodwell, of Oxney, Hertfordshire, and Mrs Frances Dodwell, of Godalming, Surrey, and Iona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Cadell, of Burley, Hampshire,

Mr J.H. Hunter and Miss H.E. Bentall The engagement is announced between Jeremy, younger son of Mr and Mrs David Hunter, of Challes Lorder and Lally also Chelsea, London, and Holly, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Edward Bentall, of Chobham, Surrey.

Mr N. McBurney and Miss J.S. Bushell The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs between Neil, son of Mr and Mrs
James McBurney, of Parkgate.
South Wirral. Cheshire, and Jane,
daughter of Mr and Mrs
Christopher Bushell, of
Aldeburgh, Suffolk.
Mr N.A. Milne

and Miss C.M.J. Heagerty The engagement is announced between Nick eldest son of Mr and Mrs Denis Milne, of Rudge Farm House, Mariborough, Wilshire, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Heagerty, of Walstead Grange, Lindfield,

Captain Q.W.M. Naylor and Miss S.R. Rowland The engagement is announced between Captain Quentin Naylor,

Royal Gurkha Rifles, second son of Mr and Mrs John Naylor, ol Wrenbury, Cheshire, and Sarah, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rowland, of East Molesey,

Mr J.G. Pullan and Miss K.M.F. Good The engagement is announced between James, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Nigel Pullan, of Nutley. East Sussex, and Karina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Good, of Stondon Massey, Essex. Mr T. Rintoni

and Miss S.C. Percy The engagement is announced between Toby, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Rintoul, of Edinburgh and London, and Sally, youngest daughter of Professor and Mrs lan Percy, of Edinburgh.

Marriage

Mr C.E. Banham and Mrs A.M.P. Stewart The marriage took place on April 26, 1997, at St Mary's Church, East Bergholt, Suffolk, between Mr Christopher Banham, of Snowdon House, Wickham Market, Suffolk, and Mrs Araminta Stewart, née

Lecture

NADFAS Sir Jocelyn Stevens, Chairman of English Heritage, delivered the second National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies lecture to the society at Kensington Town Hall yesterday. At the annual meeting held earlier Mrs Judith Thomas was elected chairman and Mrs Pamela Cohn, vicechairman.

Mr Patrick Coghlin, QC. on his appointment as a Justice of the High Court in Northern Ireland.

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BIRTHS

DELION HATCHER - On 26th April, to Insogen and Nul, a son, Frederic Max, a brother for Patrick and Elegator.

EKADACTYLOS - On April 28th at The Portland Hospital, to Dizma and Philippos, a son, Alexandros Dimitrios. GOUGHALLEN - On April 24th, to Dyane (26c Euchert) and Michael, a daughter, Tessa Charlotte.

GUNNATUSS - On April 21st, at Quoun Charlotte's Hospital, to Claire (née Perry) and Ewez, a son, Aldan Dizmid.

EDDERWICK - On 2nd April, to Luke and Ruth, a daughter, Harriet Alice. LEATHAM - On April 24th, to Georgina (nee Moussey) and Richard, a son, Milo Charles

LINKLATER - On 22nd April, to

LOCK - On April 25th at The Portland Hospital, to Laurence and Sally, a son, Christopher, a brother for

ARKUS - On April 22nd, at The Portland Hospital to Fredrika Sidoroff and Richard Parkes, a ton. SENGAPTA - On April 25th at The Fortland Hospital, to Oli and Jay, a daughter, Anita, a sister for Roy.

MRES - On April 21st 1997, to Fions (née Beckett) and Matthew, a daughter, Alice Margaret Anne.

were presented by the Master. Among those present were:
The Chief Royal Engineer, the
Master of Signals, and Masters of the
Drapers', Merchant Taylors', Pewterers', Plumbers', Woolmen's,
Musicians', Turners', Pavlors',
Fanmakers', Scientific Instrument
Makers', Lightmongers', Constructors', and Water Conservators'
Companies.

Mr Peter Harris, Master of the Insurers' Company, was the host at a livery dinner held last night at the Mansion House. Among those present were:

present were:
Adderman Sir Brian and Lady
Jenkins, Mr Alderman and Sheriff
and Mrs Cilve Martin, General Sir
James and Lady Glover, the
Chairman of Lloyd's and Lady
Rowland, the President of the
Charlered Insurance institute, the
President of the Charlered Institute of Loss Adjusters. the President of the
Insurance institute of London, the
Chairman of the British Insurance
and Investment Brokers Association
and the Masters of the Coopers',
Actuaries' and Surveyors'
Companies.

Danes Hill School,

Danes Hill School, Oxshott, Surrey, would be delighted to hear from former pupils who would be interested in receiving further information about the Danes Hill Golden Jubilee celebrations this summer. Please contact the Headmaster's Secretary on 01372

Luncheon lastitute of Energy

Sir Bob Reid, Chairman of London Electricity, was the principal guest and speaker at the annual luncheon and 70th anniversary of the formation of the Institute of Energy held yesterday at the Langham Hilton. Mr P.H. John-son, president, was in the chair.

Anniversaries George Washington was inaugu-

BIRTHS: St Jean Baptiste de la Salle, founder of the Christian Brothers, Rheims, 1651; Queen Mary II, reigned with King Wil-liam III 1689-94, London, 1662; John Lubbock, ist Baron Avebury. banker and scientist, London, 1834; Franz Lehár, composer, Komáron, Hungary, 1870; Jaroslav Hasek, novelist, Prague, 1883.

DEATHS: James Montgomery, poet and hymn writer, Sheffield, 1854; Edouard Manet, painter, Paris, 1883; Carl Rosa, violinist and founder of the opera company bearing his name. Paris, 1889; A.E. Housman, poet, Cambridge, 1936; Adolf Hitler, German dictator, Berlin, 1945, Sir Almroth Wright, bacteriologist, Farnham Common, Buckinghamshire, 1947.

The Republic of Hawaii ceded itself to the United States, 1900.

rated as the 1st American President, 1789. The first Land Rover was exhibited at the Amsterdam Motor Show. 1948.

In the open classes of the RHS

Saigon fell to the Vietcong and was renamed Ho Chi Minh City, 1975.

Church news Prebendary Michael Hooper.

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Isle of Wight, left estate valued at £2.415,969 net. She left £50,000 to the Parkinson's Disease Society: £25,000 to the RNIB: £12,500 to both the RNII and Age Concern England. Beryl George, of Falmouth, Cornwall, left estate valued at £1,421.858

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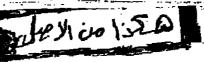
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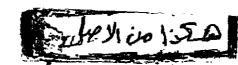
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OBITUARIES

LORD TAYLOR OF GOSFORTH

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice of England, 1992-96, died from cancer on April 28 aged 66. He was born on May I. 1930.

lthough ill-health forced him to retire early, in his four short years as Lord Chief Justice, Lord Taylor of Gosforth redefined the role of England's most senior full-time judge and changed fundamentally the public's perception of the judiciary. Taking on responsibility for the criminal justice system at a time of crisis, he did much to help to restore public confidence. Yet he will probably be remembered as much for his battles with Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, over criminal justice policy as he will for his contributions to the criminal law.

Until Lord Taylor's appointment in 1992, senior judges took the view that they had to make the best of whatever legislation Parliament served up, however half-baked it might turn out to be. But the new Lord Chief Justice believed he should try to get the recipe changed while there was still time. If a quiet word with the chef did not do the trick, he was never shy of letting everyone in the restaurant know what he thought of the fare on offer.

Peter Murray Taylor was born in Newcastle upon Tyne and educated there at the Royal Grammar School. His father was a doctor; his grandfather worked as a tailor. That, at least according to family legend, was why the immigration officer put his grandfather's name down as Taylor when he came off the boat from Vilna: the family name had originally been Teiger.

The youthful Peter Taylor first got to know his wife Irene during the war, when they were both evacuated as children to Cumbria. They were married in 1956, and had three daughters and a son. The couple were a year short of their fortieth wedding anniversary when Irene Taylor died in 1995, also of cancer. It was a loss which affected him deeply.

Taylor was the second lew to become Lord Chief Justice of England: the first was Rufus Isaacs, later Marquess of Reading. While making no claims to be religiously observant. Taylor believed his Jewish background made him more sympathetic to the needs of minorities in society. He knew what it was like to be on the receiving end of prejudice. During a keynote speech on racial discrimination in the legal profession, he related a personal incident from his days as a QC on the North Eastern Circuit. He had been involved, he said, with an Indian client who requested an Indian barrister. That barrister, realising he would be partnering Peter Taylor, said he was not prepared to work with a Jew.

Taylor had also seen poverty at close quarters: as a wartime evacuee he lived in a house with no bathroom and no electricity. In 1992, when he became Lord Chief Justice, he said he thought he had

been appointed because he was not considered to be wholly out of touch — he felt he was in the mainstream of the life of the nation.

Taylor made that remark at a news conference called to mark his appointment, the first time a judge had agreed to face the media in this way. He initially promised to hold news conferences every six months but soon thought better of it; despite his popular image, he never really understood the media and had little patience with journalists. He, no doubt, felt his worst feelings about the press were vindicated by the decision of a national newspaper in May 1996 to run a story about his impending retirement a few hours before Downing Street had intended to reveal that he was suffering from cancer (the announcement was brought forward as a result). But Taylor nevertheless did not hesitate to use press publicity when he wanted to make an impact. His devastating last speech in the House of Lords, delivered in May 1996, was effectively "trailed" in an article he published that morning in The Times.

After reading history at Pembroke College, Cambridge, Taylor was called to the Bar in 1954. Basing himself in Newcastle, he became a formidable advocate: he took silk when he was only 36. By 1980 he had risen to the top of his profession, becoming an outstanding leader of the North Eastern Circuit and then chairman of the Bar Council. In 1974 he had prosecuted the corrupt property developer John Poulson, who was sent to prison for seven years. Colleagues remember his choice turn of phrase. Some, he memorably quipped in that trial, are born with greatcoats; some acquire them; and others have greatcoats thrust upon

But in another famous trial of that era he did not fare so well. In 1979 Taylor prosecuted the former leader of the Liberal Party, Jeremy Thorpe, on charges of conspiracy to murder and incitement to murder: Thorpe, defended by George Carman, was acquitted on both counts.

Taylor was involved in two other cases which he was later to regret, although there was no suggestion that he was responsible for what turned out to be grave miscarriages of justice. In 1970 Taylor prosecuted Stefan Kiszko for the brutal murder of an II-year-old girl. The jury found him guilty and it was not until 1992 that evidence emerged which proved Kiszko could not have been the killer. That evidence was not disclosed to defence lawyers at the time of Kiszko's original trial, although nobody suggested that Taylor himself was ever told about it. Kiszko died within two years of being cleared by the Court of Appeal.

He was also one of the junior Crown counsel in the case of Judith Ward, convicted of murdering the 12 people who died in 1974 when the IRA left a bomb in a coach travelling on the M62 motorway. Ward was cleared by the Court of Appeal



in 1992 after the court found that three senior forensic scientists had withheld crucial evidence. Some of the lawvers responsible for the original prosecution were criticised by the appeal judges for not advising the scientists of their duty to disclose this evidence to the defence.

Taylor, who was by then Lord Chief Justice, had offered to give evidence at Judith Ward's appeal, but he was told he would not be needed - the declining of his offer rankled with him and he later publicly spoke of it.

Taylor was made a High Court judge in 1980 and promoted to the Court of Appeal in 1988. A year later he was appointed to chair the inquiry into the Hillsborough football stadium disaster. He was a good choice: he had captained Northumberiand at rugby and was a keen supporter of Newcastle's rugby and football teams. His handling of the inquiry was sensitive and efficient and the report, which followed, vivid and and well-received. It placed the blame on the police and the owners of the ground, not on the fans. Its principal recommendation was the introduction of all-seat stadiums, thus leading

the Government to abandon its initial inclination towards a football identity card system. The humanity which earned him praise

for the Hillsborough report was evident in other aspects of his life. Taylor was a man of broad talents. As well as playing rugby, he was a classical pianist of nearprofessional accomplishment. He said he performed only at charity concerts "so that if something goes wrong, nobody can demand their money back". He had links for many years with the Leeds International Piano Competition and performed with its chairman. Dame Fanny Waterman, in public - as well as playing with Tatyana Nikolayeva, the great Russian pianist, in private at the Judges' Lodgings in Leeds. In the lunch recess during the Poulson trial, he was known to relax by slipping off to play the piano. He also enjoyed playing in his own string trio at Christmas parties and at the Garrick

Sir Peter Taylor - he became a life peer only upon his appointment - succeeded Lord Lane as Lord Chief Justice of England in 1992. At that time, as he fully

accepted, there was a crisis of confidence in the criminal justice system. The Birmingham Six had been freed on appeal a year earlier, before them, the Maguire family had been cleared; earlier still, it had been the turn of the Guildlord Four. Taylor said he hoped these miscarriages of justice would change judicial attitudes. "I think judges will be a great deal more cautious in the way in which they direct juries on the facts," he said, and I hope the police will be a great deal more cautious in how they go about their investigations."

An official acknowledgement that things had gone wrong was the first step to restoring public confidence in the system. When he retired in 1996, miscarriages of justice were not the concern they had been four years earlier, and Taylor is entitled to much of the credit.

He also did much to modernise the public's impression of the judiciary. Taylor said he wanted to overcome "the widely held belief that judges are out of touch or even, as has been said, 'live on another planet". He gave the occasional newspaper interview and became the first judge to appear on the BBC's Question Time. It was not an experience he chose to

Taylor believed that judicial wigs created the wrong image, and he tried unsuccessfully to have them abolished. Moreover, in a speech shortly before his retirement, he said judges should no longer remain silent in the face of media criticism. On "suitable occasions," he said, "judges should be prepared to speak on matters affecting the law and the courts, to answer criticism and to explain policies". Not many of them took him at his word.

Taylor had a remarkable influence on government policy. He had regular meetings with the Home Secretary and also spoke to the Prime Minister from time to time. Michael Howard would probably not have gone ahead with his plan to allow juries to draw inferences from a defendant's silence - in the face of a recommendation from the Royal Commission on Criminal Justice - if Taylor had not supported him. On the other hand. Howard had little option but to reject the commission's proposals for restricting trial by jury once Taylor had come out against them.

The full scale of Taylor's influence could even turn out to be retrospective. In a speech he made to Scottish solicitors at Gleneagles in the spring of 1993, he attacked two provisions of the Criminal Justice Act, 1991, which, he declared, "defy common sense". The provisions restricted the power of judges to imprison offenders. Within six months Parliament had abolished these restrictions, together with the discredited system of unit fines.

But by 1995, with a change of Home Secretary, criminal justice policy had gone into reverse. This time, the new Home Secretary's complaint was that judges were not using imprisonment enough. Indeed, Michael Howard told the Tory party conference that he wanted to introduce automatic life sentences for those convicted for a second time of some violent and sexual offences; he was also proposing stifler sentences for persistent burglars and drug dealers. Within hours the Lord Chief Justice had begun a campaign of attack. It was to culminate in an extraordinary debate he initiated in the House of Lords in May 1996. "Never in the history of our criminal law have such far-reaching proposals been put forward on the strength of such flimsy evidence." he told a packed Lords' chamber. "Quite simply, minimum sentences must involve denial of justice." Michael Howard appeared unmoved, but he cannot have welcomed the strength of parliamentary opposition which Taylor exposed.

was a sombre and moving occasion. All those present were well aware that this was the last time they would see Taylor speak there as Lord Chief Justice. He was a warm and clubbable man, a popular member of the Garrick, and was held in great affection. Even as he and Michael Howard were attacking one another in public, both of them insisted that there was no personal animosity involved.

A few weeks earlier, Taylor had

delivered his last judgment in court. Rosemary West, convicted of murdering ten young women whose remains were found at houses she had occupied, was refused leave to appeal. The Lord Chief Justice and the two judges sitting with him dealt briskly with the legal arguments put to them: their ruling did little to advance the law on such topics as "similar fact evidence" or the rules for "severing" an indictment. But the crucial sentence was to be found in their last paragraph. The concept of all these murders and burials taking place at the applicant's home and concurrently grave sexual abuse of other young girls being committed by both husband and wife together without the latter being party to the killings is," declared the judges, "clearly one the jury were entitled to reject." In other words, Taylor was saying, Rosemary West must have been involved: it stood to reason. This was typical of his plain man's, commonsense, approach to the law.

Certainly, it was not an unexpected view from someone who aimed to make the judiciary more "user friendly", to give it a human face. More than that, it reflected a burning sense of his own role at the apex of the judiciary. In all he did, whether tackling the wrongs which had given rise to miscarriages of justice, or battling on the political front for the judges' independence and freedom to fit a sentence to the crime, he was both fearless and passionate.

He is survived by his three daughters and son.

SIR HENRY PEAT



Sir Henry Peat, KCVO, DFC, chartered accountant and former Auditor to the Queen's Privy Purse, died on April 4 aged 83. He was born on April 14, 1913.

HENRY PEAT came from a family of well-known chartered accountants and did not seek to escape the profession that ran in his blood. Educated at Eton and Trinity College. Oxford, he joined the family firm of Peat Marwick (then Peat Marwick Mitchell) as an articled clerk in the late 1930s, qualifying in 1940. To an adventurous and

high-spirited young man the prospect of spending the war in a reserved occupation had no appeal and, though his calling was protected under the National Service Acts, he volunteered to join the Royal Air Force as early as 1939. He was accepted but, much to his chagrin, found himself once again desk bound, controlling uniforms and equipment. He applied many times for more active service but was always turned down. Eventually he discovered that, given the casualties among rear-gunners, if he applied for that specific role he would be accepted. In spite of the handi-

cap of being more than 6ft tall. he did apply and was accepted for training He joined Bomber Com-

mand and soon became a popular member of his mess, being a competent pianist and generous enough companion to lend his car to his friends when he was away flying. He flew some forty missions as "tail-end Charlie", mainly in Lancasters, and had his share of lucky escapes - the most notable being the occasion when his heavily-laden aircraft failed to take-off properly, ploughed through some nearby trees and broke up. The rear cockpit broke away

from the main structure and remained relatively intact, allowing Peat to scramble clear and to help pull his contrades from the wreckage. Unfortunately, not all of them survived. In recognition of his many hombing missions with the RAF he was awarded the

After the war Peat returned to the family accountancy firm, eventually becoming a partner. He followed both his father and grandfather in being made Auditor to the Queen's Privy Purse and, having been appointed CVO in 1973, was advanced to KCVO in 1980.

During the 1960s he had joined the management com-mittee of the Chartered Ac-Benevolent Association and eventually became their president — a position he held until his death. He was a very active participant in the affairs of the association, seeing it grow to having more than 500 beneficiaries. During the 1980s, together with the then secretary. he visited more than a quarter of the families on the association's books.

He retired in 1983 from Peat Marwick and went to live fulltime in the Wiltshire countryside. Unfortunately, during the past year his health deteriprated to such an extent that he had to be moved into a local nursing home. He married in 1932 but the

marriage was later dissolved. He is survived by two sons and a daughter.

EULALIE SPICER Eulalie Spicer, OBE, solicitor, died on March 29 aged 90. She was born on April 20, 1906.

EULALIE SPICER, one of the founders of the Legal Aid Scheme, secured her position in the legal establishment during the Second World War, running the Services Divorce Department.

By the end of 1942 the War Office had become seriously concerned about the morale of non-commissioned servicemen and women whose marriages were shaky. The volume of matrimonial litigation was rising fast but, with many solicitors and barristers serving in the Armed Forces. the existing scheme was severely strained. In response to these developments, the Law Society set up the Services Divorce Department. Spicer

solicitor. Only four years qualified, she had recently joined the Law Society, from a small firm of solicitors, to undertake war work. In the process, she became one of the country's earliest salaried solicitors.

was appointed supervising

Under considerable pressure to prove herself. Spicer worked hard and developed a tough, somewhat masculine exterior. Not even close colleagues addressed her by her Christian name. She wore her hair in an Eton crop, never used make-up and occasionally dressed in a suit and tie. At various stages in life she played saxophone in her older

brother's dance band, and was reckoned a handy shot with a rifle. Until she was 80, she smoked cigarettes through a long amber holder.

But even for unconventional women it was not easy at that period to draw from clients the necessary level of detail relating to adultery ("no fault" divorce had not then been invented). For an unmarried woman, dealing with more worldly clients, it could be especially difficult. She sometimes found the work distasteful, but earnestly believed in

ly if children were involved. Spicer jointly edited the 15th edition of the standard work Latey on Divorce, and was solely responsible for editing the 4th edition of Phillins Practice of the Divorce Division.

facilitating divorce, particular-

Even before the war ended, the Government started planning for legal services to be incorporated in the welfare state. Spicer worked with senior figures such as Sir Thomas Lund of the Law Society and Dick Thesiger of the Lord Chancellor's Department on devising a structure for what later became the Legal Aid Scheme.

The scheme was formally introduced in October 1950, and Spicer was appointed secretary of the No I London area committee, handling appeals from lower committees. Out of the 12 areas across England and Wales, No I London was the most successful. The workload was formidable: after Spicer left it was considered large enough to split into two.

Law Society rules obliged her to retire in 1966 — she had been appointed OBE in 1961 but she continued to work for seven years in private practice. She advised insurers, including a Lloyd's syndicate.

Eulalie Evan Spicer was born in Kent. Her upbringing was comfortable, thanks to the family's success in the writingpaper business. She attended St Helen's School in Northwood, Middlesex, then studied philosophy at King's College London, and at University College (her PhD was on Aristotle's conception of the

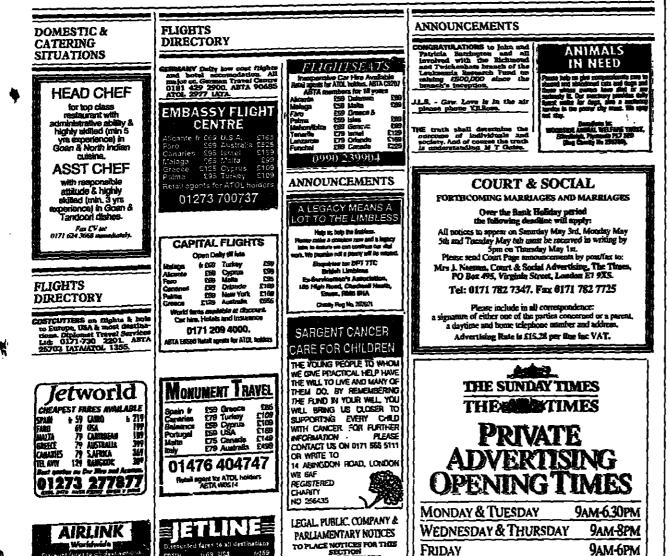
Her family was devout; one uncle was Dean of Manchester. Spicer herself became secretary of the Legal Aid Committee of the Church of England's General Synod. and advised on changes to divorce law during the 1960s. In retirement, her academic

and religious interests flour-ished. She served for many years as a governor of her old school, and took a BD in theology at King's College, In October 1976, she was admitted and licensed by the Bishop of London as a lay reader.

Until she died, Eulalie Spencer continued to play an active part in churches around the home in Dolphin Square, Pimlico, which she had shared with her mother in the early 1950s. She was unmarried and is

survived by two nephews.

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The changes introduced into the fiscal system by the Budget of 1909-10 are so numerous that a brief synopsis of their effect will be found useful. The items of taxation are mentioned in the order adopted by Mr. Lloyd DUTIES ON PRIVATE MOTOR CARS.-

A new graduated scale of duties on private motor cars and motorcycles is proposed for the United Kingdom (including treland. where hitherto there has been no 12x on motor cars). The scale is as follows: Under 612 horse power, £2 2s; under 12hp. £3 3s; under 16hp, £3 4s; under 26hp, £6 6s; under 33hp, £8 8s; under 40hp, £10 10s; under 60hp, £21; over 60hp, £42. Doctors' cars one-half these rates. Motorcycles El. No change in rates un motor cabs; existing exemptions on trade vehicles continued.

DUTY ON PETROL-Threepence per gallon on petrol and "other spirits used for motor vehicles," A rebate to be granted of half the duties to motor cahe and omnibuses. INCOME-TAX.—The rates of poundage on

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A glimpse of the "good old days" when the duty on a barrel of beer was the equivalent of 39p (E57 in 1993), and when Lloyd George could present a Budget with a surplus of £488,000.

the rate will be Is 2d. In the case of incomes under £500 a new abatement will be allowed of £10 for every child under 16 years of age. A SUPER TAX .-- On incomes over £5,000 a super tax of 6d [25p] is to be levied on the amount by which it exceeds £3,000. Income

iax exemptions and abatements are in future to be restricted to persons resident in the United Kingdom . THE DEATH DUTIES.-The scale of Estate duties is "steepened" for estates exceeding £5,000, and the maximum of 15 per

cent, will be reached at £1,000,000, instead of

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CLUBS .- A duty of 3d [14 p] in the E will be

levied on the amount of the receipts of clubs from the sale of liquor.

LAND TAXATION.—It is proposed (I) to

LICENCES. - The scale of duties for the full

oublican's licence begins at 50 per cent of the

annual value, subject to a minimum based on

population; E5 in rural districts and in urban

areas of less than 2,000 persons; £10 in urban areas between 2,000 and 5,000; £15 between

5,000 and 10,000; £20 between 10,000 and 50,000; £30 between 50,000 and 100,000; and

E35 in London and other towns over 100,000

HOTELS.-Hotels and restaurants whose

receipts from the sale of liquor do not exceed

one-third of their total receipts will receive

tax the owner of land, the value of which has risen through the enterprise of the community, or neighbours, to the extent of the community, or neighbours, to the extent of one-lifth of the "strictly unearned increment," starting from the value at the present moment. The tax will be payable when the

THE SPIRIT DUTIES.-To be raised 3s 9d [184p] per gallon.
TOBACCO.—The duty on unmanufactured tobacco to be increased by 8d [34 p] per 1b, with equivalent additions to the duties on

rigars, cigarettes and manufactured tobacco.

Promises, promises - made to be broken

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David Frost on BBCI on Sunday morning constitute a promise? Not many people believe that Labour, if tomorrow goes its way, will resist for long the temptation to sell off Channel 4 to cover more pressing commitments. Will Labour honour the equally delphic promise it has given British Telecom that it is "minded" to relax the restrictions that, for now, keep BT out of the entertainment business? This issue has made no headlines. But we all have telephones. Freeing BT to sell movies by phone line could affect us all.

Judging when a promise has been broken is as hard as deciding when one has been made. I was astounded by the Independent Television Commis-

sion's rebuke to the ITV companies last week for "showing too much drama". Surely the ITC knows that what we see on ITV nationally is decided not by the companies but by the powerful ITV Network Centre. Rapping the companies for the network's decisions is like penalising the players for the coach's mistake.

But is the ITV network schedule such a mistake? It's not as if the channel were filled with game shows. The dramas, even the soaps, have

been good. ITV's ruling council employs the Network Centre and its supremo, Marcus Plantin. to design a schedule that will meet the contradictory obligations laid on ITV. To attract mass audiences, to earn a lot of money (so the companies can meet their payments to the Treasury) and to fulfil public service requirements, not the least of which is to spoil every evening's entertainment by plonking News at Ten in the middle. To ask that the companies offer sober documentaries and risky new comedies to a centre mandated to please the audience is an exercise in futility.

The ITC has explained that it directed its criticism at the ITV companies because its powers to review performance extend only to them. These won their licences in part because of their programme promises. All the regulator can do, therefore, is to point out when a promise is not kept. Fair enough except didn't the ITC also approve the national networking arrangements? If the web connecting the 15 regional companies to Network Centre is now labyrinthine, the ITC must demand clearer lines of responsibility for what gets on the screen.

Being a regulator is not easy. The ITC has to make tough judgments that are then open to judicial review. So far, when challenged in court by disappointed losers, it has won every time. But a big one is coming up. In the next few weeks the commission has the unenviable duty of choosing between two applicants for a commercial digital terrestri-

Tony Blair has said it again. Labour has no plans to privatise Channel 4.

But do the mild words spoken to Sir two, both breathing hard in pursuit of what they see as a great prize.

The contenders could hardly be more different. The early favourite was BDB, an amalgam of Carlton, Granada and BSkyB (part-owned by the owner of The Times). Considering the weight of the two ITV parent companies, this tripartite alliance would hardly seem to justify the "Murdoch" label that some have slapped on it. Even so, Granada and BSkyB are heavily committed to launching digital television in its rival non-terrestrial, or satellite, form.

Will BDB's allegiance to digital satellite make it less than wholehearted in pursuing the terrestrial cause?

DTN, the other bidder, points in contrast to its own totally terrestrial plans, and to virtues such as city-based programming, 40 channels of interactive services, and pay-TV channels at half the price of current cable and satellite subscription channels. The new price structure, which has increased subscriber penetration in cable areas, allows customers to pick and pay for only the particular channels they want, not for a pre-packaged bundle.
The ITC will, however, have to

weigh up the BDB charge: that its rival's offerings are too futuristic and variegated, either to pay their way or to tempt today's customers into making the investment in the required new set-top equipment to get digital going fast. The ITC could dodge a difficult choice, by splitting the available package of

frequencies. That will satisfy nobody.

My own hunch: not until the required digital equipment is incorporated in the TV set will most people be tempted to buy it.

But the digital terrestrial decision is not the most important pending in British broadcasting. Nor is the decision on Channel 4's new head, although the board should make up its mind fast. No, the most serious outstanding commitment is that the next government resolve to keep C4 out of the hands of shareholders. Privatising it would destroy its anarchic diversity. Look at ITV.

Jou would think that BDB and DTN could have chosen more imaginative names. A lot of energy is going into designing new corporate names. Liz Forgan, the ex-head of BBC Radio, has just incorporated herself as "Most Media"

Production companies are making their way in the crowded marketplace under such bright labels as Hat Trick, Absolutely, Working Title, Ginger, Five Two Five, Bottom Line, Wild Dreams, Open Mike and Last Laugh. Considering the capacity of the younger royals to be misunderstood, Prince Edward may have been unwise to choose

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Cooke directs by example

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WHEN the actress Orla Brady became nervous about stripping off for a steamy love scene with Nigel Havers, her leading man in the BBCl drama The Heart Surgeon, the show's director Audrey Cooke decided to lead by example.

Reluctant to keep her crew hanging around while Brady steeled herself for the action. Cooke, an attractive thirtyish strawberry blonde known for her no-nonsense approach to work, peeled to the waist to show the timid actress exactly how it should be done. "I've never done it before and I certainly won't be doing it again," she says. "But the scene was crucial and Orla was wearing a big T-shirt and would not take it off. She wanted to see on the monitor how much she would be revealing, so I said 'OK' and I stripped off to show her."

Cooke's (mostly male) crew did not know where to look and developed a sudden and deep interest in the wall behind them. She says: "You should have seen their faces.



Audrey Cooke, left: showed Orla Brady, right, how to strip

Normally, the director is the least glarnorous person on set, covered in 15 sets of thermals. a hat, a sweater and a big

The strategy worked and Brady bared all. "After seeing me topless," Cooke adds, "she reckoned nothing could be worse than that."

• Falkirk's Scottish FA Cup run is providing a sales boost for The Falkirk Herald. The town's giant-killers have beaten Celtic to secure a place in the final on May 24. The link was noted by Freddie Johnston, chairman of Johnston Press, which publishes the title. His ancestors took the paper, a weekly, which now sells 34,000 a week, in lieu of a debt in the last century. When announcing his company's financial results. he also said that certain high-profile mur-der stories had lifted sales for two of his group's local papers. but declined to predict which titles might benefit next.

First in line

SINCE the news that Jodie Foster has been tipped to play Veronica Guerin, the murdered Irish journalist, in a Hollywood movie by Jerry Bruckheimer, Top Gun's producer, it emerges that a rival Guerin film is under way.

Winona Ryder is about to accept an offer from Irish Screen, a production conspany, to star in its as vet un-

titled production about Dublin gangs and drug barons. Patrick Bergin will co-star. The Ryder film will have a big advantage over Bruckheimer's offering because it was in preparation before Guerin was gunned down. In

fact, Guerin was acting as sole story-line consultant to its writers, Michael Sheridan and Ronan Gallagher.

Food for thought THE secret camera has be-come a vital tool for investigative television reporters trying to uncover illegal arms deals, drug-trafficking and other heinous crimes, and political repression. The microtechnology that has made these gizmos possible is now being employed by practi-tioners at the less dangerous end of the profession: restaur-

ant reviewing.
The cable station Channel One equipped reporter Richard Stafford and cameraman Andrew Barron with a tiny camera disguised as a pair of spectacles for Clandestine Critic, a new slot in Eat Up. its weekly food programme.

The intrepid duo came a cropper, however, when filming their first assignment — a review of London's latest eaterie, the Oxo Tower, a restaurant perhaps best known for its bad service.

rather than good food. Having ordered a bowl of piping hot soup. Barron suddenly found his glasses steaming up and, in a moment of unthinking panic, ripped them off, disconnecting the wire and exposing his true identity.

Whizzing off

THE latest high-ranking executive to leave the BBC is Fabiola Arrendondo, a 30-year-old American whiz kid brought in less than a year ago to hear BBC Worldwide's international distribution arm.

The departure of Arrendondo, who has previously worked for the German media giant Bertelsmann and the US investment bank J.P. Morgan, is an acute embarrassment for the Beeb. She was brought in to inject some tough commercial realism and dynamism into the Corporation's international operations, yet insiders suggest that she left because she had become frustrated at not being given the power to implement many of her decisions, which would have brought about these

very goals. Arrendondo is believed to have had particular diffi-culties over the BBC's muchhyped joint venture with Discovery Communications, which now seems unlikely to be agreed until the summer.

Less is more entertaining

"THE smaller the budget the better the ad" was one of the conclusions reached by 50 media journalists at a special

advertising event last week. The event, hosted by Ammirati Puris Lintas, famous for Peperami's award-winning advertising, was an informal rejudging of the British Television Advertising Awards held in March - an attempt to see whether journalists would agree with the "luvvie" judges. While the journalists agreed with awarding Blackcurrant Tango top prize, they upgraded one of Umbro's low-budget Euro '96 ads, which starred three blokes in a pub chatting about football, as well as a black and white First Direct film featuring Bob Mortimer jumping a bus queue. At the

As if to fuel the theory further, no car commercials, which are among the most expensive to film, made it onto

lavish "mermaids" commercial.

same time, they downgraded Levi's

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either list. Could this mean that too much money in the hands of adfolk can be foolishly misspent.

HOWELL Henry Chaldecott Lury, the agency behind Tango and Martini, has always prided itself on alternative business practices.

After implementing "tissue meetings" — in which clients are offered several layers of advice - and outlawing all job titles, the 10-year-old agency is now phasing in "romping". alias its Roving Office Mobility Project. Translated, this means that employees have no fixed abode in the office, and rub shoulders with different colleagues every day.

The agency has also just christened several new meeting rooms after its five founding principles - The

Church Hall (collaboration), The Airport (thinking ahead), The Laboratory (innovation), The Stadium (competitiveness) and The Court House (accountability).

ADVERTISING agencies, always quick to spot an opportunity, have been exploiting election fever. First was Old El Paso, with its spoof Party Political Broadcast, then Tango with its Vote Orange ad, but in the past few days both John Smith's Bitter and British Airways have launched their own campaigns. Smith has adapted the Labour poster, Britain Deserves Better, to read "Britain Deserves Bitter". BA has launched a variation on its "Where is everybody?" theme with an ad featuring the three party leaders asking the same question as they stand in front of a ballot box.

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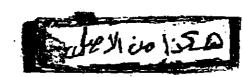
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CI LORD TEBBIT was a fearsome Cabinet minister, well able to disguise his finer feelings when faced with tough decisions. He is so proud of his famous exhortation to the unemployed that they should board their bicycles and head off in search of work, that he pens a regular column for The Sun under the heading "On Your Bike."

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But as a long-standing director of Sears, his lordship clearly took a more sympathetic view when faced with deciding the fare of Liam Strong. The disaster-prone chief executive is at last being sent on his way, but with up to £500,000 in his saddle bags.

Institutional investors who have been crying out for management change at Sears were yesterday too relieved by Strong's departure to cavil over the cost. However, the raft of private shareholders who have seen their investment deteriorate over the past five years may feel less sanguine about the handout. There is no doubting the scale of the task that faced the former British Airways marketing direc-tor when he walked blithely into the group's Oxford Street head office. His public statements at the time indicate either that Strong completely underesti-mated the difficulties or showed an honourable, but foolhardy,

sensitivity to the ancien régime. What became increasingly ob-

vious as he littered successive Alick Rankin, currently chair-annual reports with platitudes man of Bank of Scotland, has and promises, was that even if he had realised the inherent problems in Sears, he was not capable of righting them. British Shoe Corporation was the running sore at Sears when Strong arrived, and, while the scale of the business has been cut back, its losses are growing. Strong's ill-judged deal to

offload some of the shops on to Stephen Hinchliffe, the persuasive entrepreneur who is now the subject of an SFO inquiry, was a measure of his desperation. But the board should have realised he was out of his depth before that. It was increasingly clear that he could not build the team that an enterprise of Sears's size needed: the roll call of departures would have worried the most gung-ho hire and fire merchants. Yet, while the City grew increasingly perturbed by his performance, the Sears board made him a protected species.

The Sears boardroom had its heavyweights. Apart from Lord Tebbit, whose credentials as a retail expert remain something of a mystery, the doughty Sir

been a director since the pre-Strong days. David McDonaid, chairman of Pittards, has been there since 1981. Why did they let the misery wear on? It is said that the ultimate power in the hands of an unhappy non-executive director is that of resignation: Peter Ellwood, of Lloyds TSB did resign, but chose to do so quietly over Christmas. If his move was a gesture of protest, it was totally ineffective, and if it was not, then he too should be asked to make a contribution to that £500,000 that Strong is to pocket.

Markets call a Labour win

☐ TOMORROW'S poll is reckoned to be such a foregone conclusion in the markets that the post-election bounce is happening before the election. Yesterday's sharp rise in the FT-SE 100 index, taking it within a shrew's whisker of its March 11 high, owes something to Wall Street's rapid climb back up the

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slippery pole. That is by no means the whole story. Sterling rose against the dollar as well as against the mark, to a level that is no more sustainable now than it was in 1992.

This is not a comment on the parties, unlike the 5 per cent share price jump after John Major's surprise 1992 win. Rather it is a natural expression of relief that one uncertainty is over. Markets rarely discount expected events fully, so there might well be enough of a rise on Friday to send the index into new territory, unless Wall Street takes a strong hand. Buying decisions stalled pending the result of the six-week campaign are simply being released. No bets are now being taken

honoured fashion, sporting traders are turning to the minutiae of the count to fine-tune their postelection tactics. A tiny majority or hung Parliament would go down badly; a landslide might revive foreign fears of the socialist monster. The world of finance, conducting its usual love affair with the tedious, hopes for a "sound" 40-60 seat majority.

on Labour to win so, in time-

Relief is unlikely to last long. Attention will soon shift to the planned May 7 meeting of the Chancellor and the Governor to discuss monetary policy. The foreign exchanges assume that if Gordon Brown attends, base rates will rise a quarter point. If Kenneth Clarke were there, this would not be self-evident.

Mr Brown is thought certain to accede to the Governor's inevitable request as a way of presenting his references to the Worshipful Company of Speculators. He could as easily deduce that there is no need, or put on half a point to send speculators packing or postpone the meeting for a week. Thereafter, speculation in the equity market will centre on Mr Brown's emergency Budget, due in two months time. The timid institutional investor's search for certainty is doomed to endless frustration.

Achieving the impossible

HARRY MOORE, thief executive of Co-operative Retail Services, ended his results presentation yesterday by quoting the Labour Party theme tune: "Things can only get better." What he really meant to say was: "Things can't get much worse." A loss of £13.9 million after

restructuring charges of £18.1 mil-lion with sales slipping 0.9 per cent to £1.54 billion amounts to something most thought impossible. The CRS has managed to produce an even more appalling set of figures than the Co-operative Wholesale Society, the business that was once its sister but is now its competitor.

Galvanised into action by the attentions of one Andrew Regan. the CWS has suggested that the two Co-operative organisations merge. But the CRS will have none of it, saying its own overtures in that direction, most recently in 1994, were rudely spurned.

The prospect of co-operation now seems likely to be supersed-ed by the sort of battle for supremacy commercial organisations play. A coming together has to happen eventually, but on whose terms? Moore reckons CRS has the better management and wants a couple of years to show this. The target is to invest £200 million this year in new systems, facias and stores, delivering 5 per cent return on sales (against 1.5 per cent now) and a 50 per cent rise in sales per

square foot to EI2.

This might not be much in the real world but under the arcane umbrella of the Co-op it gives Moore the ammunition to turn to the CWS and say: "We're clearly the better society. We should take control of the whole movement."

Do not pass 'Go'

NOMURA has added its name to the list of those who feel tarnished by the non-bid for CWS. In bringing so many big City names to such public humiliation. Andrew Regan has achieved the sort of coup some critics of the Square Mile might never have thought possible. He has also guaranteed that this is one thrusting young entrepreneur who will. ambitions to the Monopoly board.



Gilles Pelisson, marking the park's fifth anniversary with actresses Melanie Griffith and Ornella Muti, wants growth

Nintendo in price war with Sony

NINTENDO, the Japanese is to cut the cost of its new N64 games machine from £250 to £150 in an attempt to torpedo the success of Sony's Playstation (Fraser Nelson writes).

The move, which will be accompanied by a £1.5 million advertising campaign. will come as a shock to those who bought 75,000 of the N64s at the full price after its launch last month.

Nintendo said it is making an aggressive move to bring itself into head-on competition with the Playstation, the price of which has been cut from £200 to £130.

Recent figures from Chart-Track, an independent market research body. show the Playstation has 65 per cent of the market, with the N64 at 5.5 per cent.

earn it - and spend it.

But you'll probably say

you've been too busy to attend

to this yourself ... or perhaps

Maybe you think you

more poorly than the Stockmarket as a

whole. The only certainty about letting

others manage your money is that you'll

through their fees.

to end up with.

Cairn Energy and Shell in \$200m Asian alliance By Carl Mortished

CAIRN ENERGY and Shell have entered into a \$200 million alliance to develop Cairn's gas interests in Bangladesh and to seek further upstream and power projects in Bangladesh. India and neighbouring Asian countries.

Cairn has agreed to give up half of its interest in two blocks offshore of Bangladesh, including a half share in Cairn's 75 per cent interest in the Sangu field, believed to contain more than a trillion cubic feet of gas. In exchange, Shell will pay Cairn \$130 million and will fund all exploration and development costs, up to a total of \$200 million.

Cairn will immediately transfer a 25 per cent of its Bangladeshi interests to Shell, with the second 25 per cent dependent on the success of the Cairn/Shell alliance in



Gammell: outlined objective

forthcoming Bangladeshi oil licensing round. Bill Gammell, Cairn's chief executive, said the company's strategic position in southern Asia would be considerably enhanced. "I could justify the deal on the basis of existing acreage, but the objective is to

of mutual interest (AMI) in Bangladesh, under which Cairn is entitled to up to a half share in any new upstream pipeline or power develop-ment, including gas into crude oil plants using Shell's propri-etary technology. The alliance extends further into India, where the partners have created another area of mutual interest. The intention is to exploit the region's huge energy market, with the prospect of a pipeline to export gas from Bangladesh to India.

Cairn and Shell are now in discussions over prospects in neighbouring countries in Asia. Shares in the exploration company soared after the discovery of the Sangu gasfield last year, raising the prospect of further giant gasfields in the two offshore blocks under Cairn's control.

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Euro Disney losses grow as interest payments rise

LOSSES at Euro Disney, the theme park operator, increased in the first half of 1997 after a rise in the interest payments demanded on its Fri5 billion debts, the company said yesterday.

In the six months to March 31, traditionally a low season, it lost Fr210 million compared with Fr169 million in the same period last year.

Euro Disney is 39 per cent owned by the Walt Disney Co. Prince al-Waleed bin Talal. the Saudi Arabian investor. took a 24 per cent stake in 1994. Turnover from its Disneyland Paris theme park and

SHARES in British Airways

rose yesterday amid specula-

cing the sale of its 24.6 per cent

on speculation that it could be

paid as much as \$530 million for its holding of preference

shares, which has to be sold to

at least five separate parties. A

BA spokesman said: "We have

moved a step closer to a sale."

USAir stake in 1993, subse-

quently writing it down by £125

million in 1995 to reflect the

American airline's precarious

financial position at the time.

However, USAir's fortunes

BA paid \$400 million for its

They rose from 694p to 704p

stake in USAir.

Fr2.1 billion over the six months as prices were held at 1996 levels. However, the interim results were dragged down by an Fr68 million rise

in charges, to Fr356 million. Euro Disney had enjoyed an interest payment holiday on some debts after its 1994 restructuring. These financing charges began to kick in again last year, to the tune of an extra Fr120 million. The additional cost in the full 1997 fiscal year is estimated to be Fr200 million. This should grow by a further Fr120 million in 1998.

Gilles Pelisson, chairman, said Disneyland Paris was managing seasonal fluctua-

have improved. Last year it

resumed dividend payments

which had been suspended in

1994. George Soros, the inves-

tor, recently sold his 5 per cent

BA can sell its stake private-

ly or in a public offering, but cannot sell the shares in one

block without regulatory

approval. Under the terms of

purchase, BA cannot allow

any buyer to hold more than 5

BA first said in December

that it planned to sell its stake

at a premium. Three BA direc-

tors have since resigned from

US Air's board as the two

carriers' divorce continues.

per cent of USAir's stock.

stake in USAir at a profit.

BA shares rise on

USAir sale report

By Oliver August

high season remains vital to counter the sharp increase in financial charges."

A Euro Disney spokesman added that 1997 is the crunch year: "We will have to keep improving and improving to meet these financial charges. This year is going to be the most difficult."

A consistent year-on-year revenue rise of at least 5 per cent is needed to meet the extra finance and leasing costs. A new cinema and conference centre will be opened in

the next six months. He said there should also be room for admission fee increases in 1998. They are currently Fr150-

London, the aircraft charter

broker, which overcame a

downturn in its holiday air-

craft business to return record

It blamed tight margins

and costs of recruiting extra

staff for the 17 per cent profits

drop at its commercial aircraft

division, but said the sharp

jump in demand for private

Tony Mack, chairman,

said: "The strength of our

business is that one division

can do well and the reverse

'can happen in the second half.

But overall profits will always

jets had overcome this.

interim profits.

Air London given a

lift by executive jets

DEMAND for executive jets go up." However, he said has fuelled growth at Air there is unlikely to be a repeat

Fr150 for children. Income from commercial development of land near Disneyland Paris should come onstream

in the same year. However, royalty and management fees will have to be paid to Disney from 1998. The cost is estimated at about Fr200 million a year.

managing money today just Euro Disney recorded a seems loo complicated ... profit before exceptionals of Fr156 million in 1996, only the should entrust your money to second year it had been in the an expert. If you do, you may black. One analyst forecast be disappointed. The shocking Frild million this year. In truth is many professional London Euro Disney shares fell to 10312p from 10712p. fund managers are not much

of last November's 10p special

dividend in the near future.

Pre-tax profits rose 13 per

cent to £1.12 million on sales

up 10 per cent at £17.9 million.

Earnings rose to 7.8p (6.5p) a

share. The interim dividend is

2.5p (1.9p). Mr Mack, who owns 60 per

cent of the company, picked

up £541,000 through the spe-

pocket £135,000 from the in-

creased interim payout, due

on June 20. The shares, which

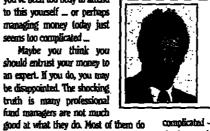
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the past 12 months, fell to

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Saints chairman to stand down

GUY ASKHAM, who has been heavily criticised by fans for his role in the floration of Southampton Football Club, yesterday said he will step down as chairman of the Saints at the end of

season (Alasdair Murray writes). Mr Askham, who has been chairman for eight years, will be replaced by Rupert Lowe, who is also chairman of Southampton Leisure, the club's holding company. Mr Askham will remain as deputy

towards building its new stadium. Supporters have voiced concern over a deal in which several Southampton directors bought shares in the club from an investment company, formerly linked to Mr Askham, just weeks before the El0

million takeover by Secure Retirement. Shares in the company closed down 212p

243½p from 251p.

owner of Bolton Wanderers, closed at 622p on the first day of trading after touching a high of 77 p. The company was formed via a reverse takeover of Bolton by Mosaic Investments, the investment vehicle of David Williams, the entrepreneur.

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chairman of Southampton Leisure. Mr

Lowe said that Mr Askham had simply decided it was time to pass on the chairman's role. Mr Lowe added that the board had decided to appoint him in a dual capacity to help to shorten the lines of communication as the club moves

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Rivals unite against euro chief

■ John Major and Tony Blair were united in condemnation yesterday of a European commissioner's call for Britain to be excluded from a seat at world financial summits if it did not join a single currency.

Kenneth Clarke also joined the criticism, so that Yves-Thibault de Silguy, the commissioner responsible for monetary union, achieved the rare feat of putting the Chancellor on the same side as his Eurosceptic critics Pages 1. 9-16, 22, 23

British Library readers may have to pay

■ The British Library is exploring plans to introduce charges for its reading room. After 250 years of free access, it plans to broach the subject with its 400,000 readers by distributing a questionnaire this week. Members will be asked how they feel about 21 possible annual charges...

Lord Taylor dies

Court hearings were halted as judges and lawyers gathered to pay tribute to Lord Taylor of Gosforth. The former Lord Chief Justice died of a brain tumour at his home in Guildford Page I

Blair invokes Smith Tony Blair invoked the memory of John Smith as he launched

Labour's final push for victory with his predecessor's appeal for "the chance to serve" Page I

Prison rampage

Lovalist prisoners went on the rampage at the Maze jail in protest at security restrictions Page 2

Boy George victory Boy George did have a homosex-

ual affair with the rock musician Kirk Brandon, a High Court judge ruled, rejecting a "malicious falsehood action against the singer..

Ugly art crime

An undercover policeman was sold a stolen picture of a woman "so ugly that only her son would have painted it" without one of the vendors realising it was Portrait of his Mother by Rembrandt, a court was told ... Page 4

A lighter bite

British chocolate, already criticised by the European Union as a fraud upon the public, took another step on the road to degradation with the launch of two

Gulf illness study

Servicemen and women are being encouraged to participate in an official study into the cause of Gulf War illnesses with the offer of a £1,000 cash prizePage 6

Road to democracy It seemed like a good idea to track down the remotest voter in Britain, the one who will have to travel furthest to exercise his

democratic right at a polling station .Page li Israel warns Svria

Israel issued an unprecedented warning to President Assad after the disclosure that Syria has, with Russian aid, begun to manufacture a nerve gas Page 17

French debate EU Europe dogged the French election campaign as new figures pointed to more public spending

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return their ambassadors to Tehran but announced the indefinite cancellation of Europe's high-level dialogue with Iran in response to official Iranian support for

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As the rebels in Zaire push towards the capital, Kinshasa, details are emerging of alleged human rights violations in terri-

terrorism.

Family tree reveals far-flung branches

■ When Lord Tordoff's family grew tired of people asking if their surname was Russian, they decided to trace their roots. They did not bargain on an invitation to a family reunion in a Yorkshire village hall. Among the 300 people there were a Buddhist monk, an American clown, a novelist and a docu mentary film-maker from Devon - but no Russians ... Page 4



A fireman lights a flare amid a noisy demonstration in Chelmsford in support of striking Essex Fire Brigade staff. Page 2

EUSINESS

Co-op: The Serious Fraud Office is to launch an investigation into a deal in 1995 between the Co-operative Wholesale Society and Hobson Group, a company then controlled by Andrew Regan

Economy: New consumer credit figures showed growth slowing in March. Total net lending fell from £3.06 billion in February to £2.55 billion last monthPage 29

Telecoms: A group led by Carlton Communications has opened negotiations with BT over an alliance to launch digital television in terrestrial form. ..Page 29

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Football: England's World Cup qualifying tie against Georgia at Wembley is as much about recapturing a mood as securing three more points towards the

Cricket: Ireland beat Middlesex in the Benson and Hedges Cup to record their first victory over a firstclass county side...

Golf: Nick Faldo has surprisingly decided to return to Britain next month to compete in the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth, a favourite course...Page 53

Rugby union: Tom Walkinshaw. whose TWR Group controls the Arrows Formula One motor racing team, has injected more than £2 million into the Gloucester

Depp charge: How Johnny Depp. the brightest of the brat-pack stars. tackled the role of an FBI agent going undercover to fight the mob in Donnie BrascoPage 37

New morality: For his latest play

Joe Penhall, one of our brightest new writers, has abandoned murder and mayhem in favour of hard work and morality.....Page 38 Rising star: Neil Rutherford is

acting in Salad Days on tour, composing a musical, playing in a film. and has just directed a revue. And he is only 27....

Hanging gardens: Stand in the centre of Sir Norman Foster's Commerzbank tower in Frankfurt and look up, and you peer into a 500ft vertical void filled with gardens.

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Margaret's favourite

targeting British tourists

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From the top: Stripes have moved from the sports ground to the Safe and secure: Jane Shilling on the similarity between the familiar item of clothing she is reluctant to throw away and the blanket from which her son hated being separated.

MEDIA ..

Paper victory: Nothing so thrills editors as a general election and, says Brian MacArthur, the coverage this time has been fairer than

THE PAPERS

The majority has made public its electoral programme. The socialists should do the same before the end of the week and Lionel Jospin has just declared that it is time to enter into the heart of the matter. High time indeed. Because French people are showing a massive indifference towards the two big coalitions who are going to confront | Europe; Shaw's classic plays; choceach other

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Preview: It is surprising what people talk to their hairdressers about. Modern Times: Shampon (BBC2, opm). Review: A new police series fails to melt Matthew Bond's Pages 54, 55 :

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Invisible election

If the Tories are evicted from office this week they will doubtless moveswiftly to the leadership question: They would do well to consider the local democracy issue with equal-

Licence to murder

Despite the Berlin judgment; the US has far to go to convince Europe. that Iran is still a threat to Western democracy...

Canada high

For the first time in a generation, the election will not be about Canada's Constitution or its possible break-up. That is, in itself, a measure of Mr Chretien's achieve-

COLUMNS

BEN PIMLOTT

Labour's intellectuals are unashamedly vengeful: they relish the Tory collapse, the end of smirking and strutting, the ensuing civil war. They hope, savagely, that somebody really awful, like John Redwood, will become leader of the Conservative Party. Intellectuals are a superior lot. They look glumly at the quality of some members of Labour's front bench Page 22

ALAN COREN

have always wanted to keep a dog, but they're a frightful liability," they have to be schooled, they have to be walked, they have to be vetted, they have to be groomed, they bite people, they chase cats, they foul footpaths, they eat that jelloid muck you have to spoon out for them, and this strikes me as a great deal of trouble to go to just to enjoy their companionshipPage 22

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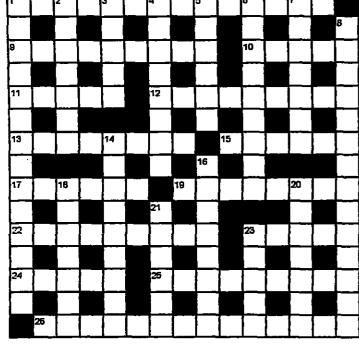
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9 A French character on the staff? That's not normal (9). 10 It's laughable, backing Liberal

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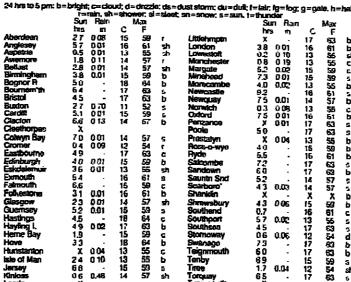
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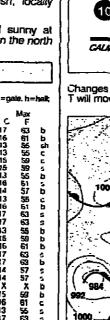
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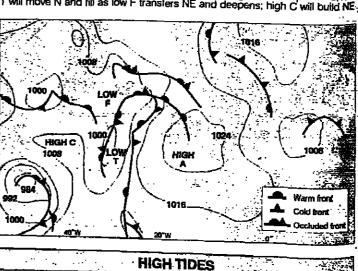
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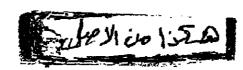
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Election 97: who wins the Oscars?



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newspaper pundits it has been the most frustrating general election for 50 years. At the past three elections we have been appalled but entertained by the three main "Tory tabloids" - The Sun, the Daily Mail and The Express as they savaged Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock.

The bias was blatant but the journalism was brilliant. Kelvin MacKenzie's front page on voting day in 1992 - "If Neil Kinnock wins today will the last person to leave Britain please turn out the lights" - is still remembered, still framed on office walls, five years later. As Joe Haines, once Harold Wilson's press secretary, observed acidly in The Mirror, if John Major were caught spending the nation's cash on

would praise his concern for the arts and the Daily Mail would see it as further proof of his dedication Europe.

Tony Blair has been determined that new Labour would not get the same treatment. That is why reporters have been so frustrated by the "control" shown

during his campaign. He has also so transformed the Labour Party that most of the issues on which it was attacked are no longer in the manifesto, and assiduously courted editors and proprietors to sell the message that Labour no longer comes with

The result has been an election in which Fleet Street and the "Tory" tabloids have given Labour an unprecedentedly fair run. No bias, no comment. With The Sun, with sales of 4 million a day, declaring for Mr Blair from the outset, the newspaper map was transformed. Eight out of ten of The Sun's 160 reports on Labour since April I have been about seven out of ten in The Express and the Daily Mail. The most partisan paper has been The Mirror for Labour. The Daily Telegraph has been least negative to the Tories and the Daily Mail most critical of

Yet nothing so thrills the blood of newspaper editors as a general election. An analysis by the MORI subsidiary, Test Research, sponsored by Shandwick shows that there have been a total of 3,324 articles in the national daily and Sunday newspapers, with The Times publishing the

most - 471 - since April 1. With only one day of campaigning left, it is time to assess the coverage and for Paper Round to make its

Most stirring front page. Read this and Weep... Now get Angry" proclaimed The Mirror on April 18 as it devoted all its front page to a phone call from a nurse describing at the end of an 18hour shift how she had watched a young man die on her ward. There were no pictures, only words,

Most acid critic of Tony Blair. The Daily Telegraph. Mr Blair wouldn't sell his granny, it said; he would privatise her. Editor Charles Moore has derided Mr Blair a French actress. The Express as a "man of doublethink" and "proven shifti-

> Most influential report. "Sleaze: the evidence in The Guardian оπ March 22. It provoked Tory MP Tim Smith to stand down, put Neil Hamilton in the dock, provoked three weeks of damaging anti-

Tory sleaze headlines, and led Martin Bell to

Most disillusioned supporter of Mr Blair. Andrew Marr, Editor of The Independent, who has been repeatedly upset by Mr Blair, particularly on the subject of Europe. "Politicians, cowed by a handful of millionaires and xenophobic newspapers, haven't the guts to stand up for it .. Labour members find their core beliefs publicly reflected better by the Lib Dems than by their own leadership."

Most dogged critic of Mr Blair. Peter Hitchens of The Express (who also wrote letters to The Times and The Speciator). He has constantly harried the Labour leader about his plans to stop other parents following his example of sending their children to grantmaintained schools, earning the most tactless rebuke of the campaign: We may not call you again if you're going to be bad."

Biggest nightmare. Polly Toynbee in The Independent who dreamt that Labour lost. "At 4am on May 2 I am planning a special exit poll of my own in which I shall stand in the High Street . . . and ask people how they voted. If they



Despite the stirring newspaper headlines, MORI research suggests that readers' declared voting intentions have hardly shifted at all during this election campaign

Newspapers that have most relished the election. After 18 years in opposition, there have been no inhibitions at The Guardian and The Observer about boring the readers, and a relish in their reporting that undoubtedly speaks to their constituencies, "Starting this week: a new era," The Observer announced last Sunday in

say Tory, I will shoot them. a quick exit." the biggest headlines in its history. The Guardian has devoted more space - 56,000 column centimetres - to the election than any other paper.

> Star columnist in the making. Richard Eyre, director of the National Theatre. in the Financial Times.

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Peter Mandelson, a Malvolio in Brian Mawhinney, a Cassius in Michael Heseltine, a John Prescott, a Lear in Sir Edward Heath and a Jacques in Tony Benn. Lord Tebbit might make a good Fool and you could find plenty of clowns in all parties...

Claudius in Baroness

Thatcher, an Enobarbus in

Most violent columnist. Polly Toynbee in The Independent: The trouble with democracy is the voters. Listening to them sometimes makes you despair

ignorant, horrible. . . one more vox pop from some cretin saying. They're all the same. aren't they? They're only in it for themselves and I'll be reaching for my revolver."

- they are stupid, selfish, pig-

Dumbed down? Only paper to publish the manifestos in full. The Times. All the rest published only extracts.

Most bizarre spectacie. Lord

of the Eurosceptic Daily Mail Hollick, chairman of United in an interview with the Fi-News and Media, owner of nancial Times: "Sometimes I The Express, arguing for Labthink (Paul Dacre, Editor of our, and Lord Stevens, the chairman, arguing for the the Mail would like to tow England out into the middle of Conservatives on a doublethe Atlantic, I am not sure that page spread in the Express on Sunday. Both papers opted for is what I want to do." As the six-week campaign the Conservatives - but at

ends, Mr Blair has won more endorsements from Fleet Street - 11 out of 19 - than at any time in living memory. Dailies for Mr Blair: The Sun, The Mirror, the Daily Star, The Guardian and The Independent (both suggesting tactical voting against the Tories) and the Financial Times. Sales: 8 million.

Dailies for Mr Major: The Express, The Daily Telegraph and (almost certainly) the Daily Mail. Sales: 4.5 million. Eurosceptic. The Times.

Sundays for Mr Blair: the News of the World, the Sunday Mirror, The People, The Observer and the Independent (both suggesting tactical voting). Sales: 9.6 million. Sundays for Mr Major: The Express, the Mail, The Sun-

day Times, The Sunday Telegraph. Sales: 5.5 million. After the last election, the big question was whether it was The Sun "wot won it". MORI research suggests that it won't be this time. Readers' declared voting intentions

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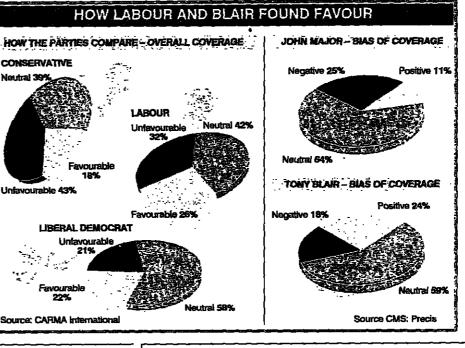
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All the news that's fit to see

ilen Neuharth, the founder of USA Today, has proved that a museum dedicated to journal-like a good control to the control to t ism, like a good newspaper or a television newscast, need not be dull. The Newseum, his glitzy \$50 million brainchild, opened last weekend just across the Potomac River from Washington and immediately drew throngs

Young and old enjoyed playing interviewer in television newsroom mock-ups and browsing among the front pages downloaded that day from

newspapers around the world.
Under the approving gaze of a statue of Thoth, the ancient Egyptian god of scribes, the Newseum displays the history of spreading the news. Exhibits range from 6.000-year-old Algerian rock paintings to an eye-blurring stream of network satellite feeds disgorging breaking news on to a video screen 40 yards across

Here, too, is a copy of Publick Occurrences, the first newspaper in British North America, published in 1690, with the back page conveniently left blank so that readers could add their own news before passing it on.

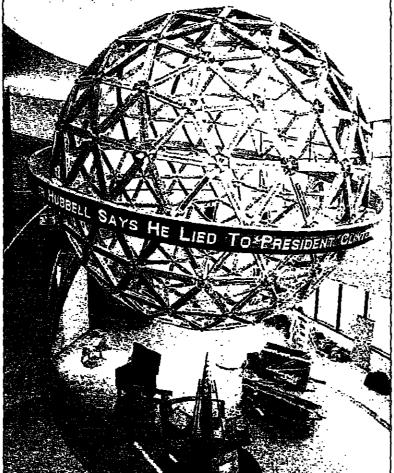
A glance at a bank of TV screens reveals the Berlin Wall falling, Challenger blowing up, Reagan being shot. Kennedy being buried. A mini-cinema shows clips of how Hollywood has portrayed the news business, mostly peopled by tough, scruffy, romantic idealists with a tendency to drink too much and to shout into telephones: "OK sweetheart, get me Rewrite."

As Mr Neuharth would say, that is the who, what, when and where of his Newseum. The why takes longer to

Mr Neuharth is chairman of the Freedom Forum, a foundation dedicated to free speech, free press and free spirit. It is supported by an endowment worth more than \$850 million from Gannett, the publisher of USA Today, which is America's largest

circulation daily. Several years ago Mr Neuharth and his trustees became worried about growing antagonism between the public and the press. They concluded that the public's standards for journalism the media and its ethics. For example, are higher than ever, though some

Hold the front page: a press museum is making headlines, reports Ian Brodie



Lines of communication: the Newseum in Washington is drawing crowds

asked to decide how they would

respond to the following dilemma: a

newspaper receives an exclusive up

that a famous athlete, now retired, has

been diagnosed with Aids. Should the

story be pursued and published or

should the athlete's privacy be respect-

ed, given that he is no longer in the

Just such a predicament faced USA

journalists may not fully understand that, and that mainstream journalism is better than ever, but the public may not fully realise that, either.

So as well as appealing to bustoads of tourists and children on school outings, the Newseum tries to pose serious questions about the power of at one computer screen, visitors are

advised them to return to "oldfashioned" reporting and to check out stories before splashing them all over the front page or on the evening news. Hillary, together with their closest aides, are the targets of almost daily disclosures by the largely libel-proof American media over Whitewater and related scandals. The latest barrage has implied, despite strong denials, that "hush money" was paid to their friend Webster Hubbell to buy his

> the Whitewater dealings. Ironically, the White House itself has played this guilt-by-association game. It released a report of a purported right-wing conspiracy to plant phoney scandal stories on the Internet and in the British press so they could be picked up and legitimised by the American media. The report lost a lot of credibility in describing The Times as a tabloid.

silence over his intimate knowledge of

Today over the late Arthur Ashe, the

former Wimbledon champion who contracted Aids through a blood trans-

fusion. The newspaper pressed on with its inquiries, but Ashe cut them short by calling a press conference to

the time for forcing Ashe to go public.

At the Newseum computer screen, a slim majority still votes against delv-

ing into the Ashe story.

President Clinton himself waded in

with biting comments on ethics even

as the Newseum was being opened by Al Gore, his Vice-President, and

formerly a reporter on The Tennesse-

In a telephone call to the ceremony. Mr Clinton claimed that reporters

under the pressure of intense competi-

tion are too quick to accept what he called "near news" as truth. He

> here was a strong element of special pleading in Mr Clinton's comments. He and his wife

an in Nashville.

announce his grim prognosis. USA Today was heavily criticised at

The Newseum is not the place to explore these issues in any depth. It is fun, fast and informative. Better still, it may tempt more than a few of its younger visitors to choose careers as ink-stained wretches or blow-dried talking heads.

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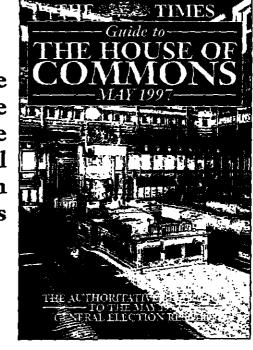
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Sears turns to cost-cutting company doctor

DAVID JAMES, the executive Sears has brought in to sort out its ailing shoe shops, loves to get his hands on failing businesses. "It's the bad days which are really the fun," he once said.

"The day I stop enjoying the bad days, I'll retire."
British Shoe Corporation has had plenty of bad days in the past few years. Sears's attempts to revitalise the business have all led nowhere. Familiar brands such as Freeman Hardy Willis and Saxone have departed to be replaced by the uninspiring new concepts. Shoe Express and Shoe City. Nothing has worked — least of all last year's debacle of "the sale that wasn't a sale" to Stephen Hinchliffe's Facia Group. Yesterday's results showed British Shoe falling to a £9.1 million loss on sales of £465.4 million.

By Mr James's standards, British Shoe looks in robust financial health. Over the past ten

The appointment suggests the fundamental nature

of BSC's problems, according to Paul Durman

series of companies on the verge of collapse. His casebook includes Eagle Trust, the victim of an astonishingly brazen fraud; Dan-Air, the charter airline that failed to make it through the recession; and LEP Group, the freight distribution company crushed under a mountain of debt. As a council member of Lloyd's of London, he was at the heart of the rescue deal

costs, making disposals and, with his lawyers,

that secured a future for the insurance market. Mr James's skills are slashing debts, cutting

years, he has been the banks' firefighter at a chasing culprits who might be leant upon to hand back money. He cuts out the cancer, but is not a business builder. That Sears finds it necessary to turn to him underscores the fundamental nature of the problems at British Shoe.

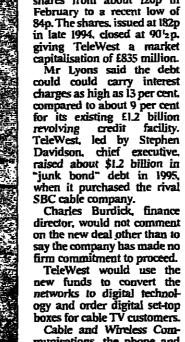
Arguably Britain's foremost company doctor, Mr James loves the job, happily working punishing days of 16 hours or more. Each day starts at 5am with a three-mile run in Hyde Park. Unmarried at 59, his passions outside work are opera and cricket. He is chairman of the English Symphony Orchestra. His boast is that he has never put a trading company into receiver-ship. He and his team, who tend to move with him from one crisis to the next, claim to have saved 23,000 jobs over the past 14 years, and to have recovered £850 million of bank debt.

It is certainly the banks who have most to thank him for. Shareholders have often fared less well. Though LEP's businesses were saved. the parent company eventually went down with nothing for shareholders. Eagle Trust shareholders received only a token recovery of lp a share. Mr James has previously complained that the days of the company doctor were ending, since banks no longer have the patience for protracted turnrounds. However, the increased activism among institutional shareholders such as led to his appointment at Sears - has prompted him to revise his opinion.

TeleWest to consider

TELEWEST Communications, the second-largest cable company, is preparing to raise another \$300 million in "junk bond" debt. Analysts said the new debt is likely to be expensive and could trigger a slide in the share price. Alan Lyons, analyst at Hoare Govett, said the prospect of another layer of debt has helped to push down the shares from about 120p in February to a recent low of in late 1994, closed at 90 2p. giving TeleWest a market capitalisation of £835 million.

SBC cable company.



\$300m 'junk bond' debt

By Eric Reguly

84p. The shares, issued at 182p

Mr Lyons said the debt could could carry interest charges as high as 13 per cent. compared to about 9 per cent for its existing £1.2 billion revolving credit facility. TeleWest, led by Stephen Davidson, chief executive, raised about \$1.2 billion in "junk bond" debt in 1995 when it purchased the rival

director, would not comment on the new deal other than to say the company has made no firm commitment to proceed. TeleWest would use the new funds to convert the

boxes for cable TV customers. Cable and Wireless Communications, the phone and cable company formed on Monday, would like to buy TeleWest through a share swap and wants to see the price come down.

minute presentations to institutional pension and life funds

in the Crown Colony, the

United States and Europe ahead of next Monday's partial flotation of Regent on the

Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Fund managers attending the presentations say that Regent

made an as yet unreported pre-tax profit in the year

ending March 31 of \$US30

million, a 40 per cent rise on

The Hong Kong listing will release about \$55 million and

Mr Mellon is expected to use

some of the funds to increase

Regent's stake in Hambros. Profit forecasts for Hambros

are around £7 million, better

than the £12 million loss the

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Mellon to state

view on Co-op row

BY ROBERT MILLER, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

JIM MELLON, chairman of

Regent Pacific, the Hong Kong

fund manager that holds a

near 4 per cent stake in the troubled Hambros, is expect-

ed to return to his assault on the banking group, and pub-licly state his forthright views

on its role in the Co-op

Analysts in the City believe

Monday's fulsome apology by

Sir Chips Keswick, chairman of Hambros Bank, to the Co-

operative Wholesale Society for

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Andrew Regan, the business-

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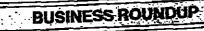
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British Steel cuts 400 jobs at tin-plate sites

BRITISH STEEL is to shed 400 more jobs in a cost-cutting move at its two tin-plate plants in South Wales. The redundancies were confirmed last night as part of a reorganisation after overcapacity in the tin-plate industry throughout Europe and the effects of the strong pound on export orders. The company said it was hoped that the job losses could be achieved voluntarily with union agreement.

About 150 posts will go at Ebbw Vale in the Gwent Valleys and at Trostre, Llanelli, in the next 12 months. The

others will also be spread over the two plants between next year and March 1999. The job cuts are the first since British Steel announced a five-year restructuring programme to increase its competitiveness. Ebbw Vale and Trostre plants currently employ 3,000 people. British Steel shares remained unchanged at 14434p.

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Boeing's satellite link

BOEING, the US aircraft maker, is to build a \$9 billion network of several hundred low-orbit communications satellites as part of a partnership with Teledesic Inc, the communica-tions company part-owned by Bill Gates, chairman of Micro-soft. Boeing will also invest up to \$100 million in Teledesic. giving it a 10 per cent stake in the privately held company. Teledesic's other primary investor is Craig McCaw, builder of the world's largest cellular telephone company.

PepsiCo ahead 8%

PEPSICO, the American, food and beverages company whose brands embrace Pizza Hut, KFC, Taco Bell and Frito Lay, lifted first-quarter earnings 8 per cent to \$427 million. Sales rose to \$6.7 billion from \$6.55 billion. Case sales of soft drinks grew 6 per cent, driven by double-digit volume growth for Mountain Dew and solid growth in Pepsi. But international sales were down 14 per cent. The restaurants businesses, which are to be divested, lifted profits 7 per cent.

Optometrics deal off

SHARES in Optometrics are expected to fall sharply today after the engineering group said yesterday that the previously announced deal for Peter Levine to buy 52.9 per cent of the shares had been called off. Mr Levine and other potential investors said they had halted plans after following due diligence procedures. Mr Levine had intended to became chairman. The Levine deal had been announced on April 14 at a share price of 162p, against 232p, up lp, last night.

Seeboard cuts prices

SEEBOARD, the electricity company serving two million customers in Kent, Sussex and Surrey, is cutting electricity prices from July 1. Typical annual bills will fall by about £10, while those paying by direct debit will save £14. Standing charges are being cut for the third year in a row, this time by around 25 per cent. At £3.26 a quarter, charges for standard domestic customers have been reduced by more than two thirds in the past five years, Seeboard said.

Guardian growth plan

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE, the insurance group, said trading in the first three months of 1997 had been 'satisfactory". Speaking to the company's annual meeting, Lord Hambro, chairman, said the group had a "clear. strategy for the future". He confirmed that it intended to expand the life and health insurance business both organically and by acquisition, but stressed the company would not "be tempted to pay too much for any business".

Warning by Stylo

STYLO, the footwear and sportwear group that bought Hush Pupples from Sears in September, has said that it is unlikely to turn the acquisition into profit until August. The company, which expected Hush Puppies to be in the black from the offset, said serious supply problems had left the stores with a sharp deficit of stock. Together with the Saxone shoe stores, the two acquisitions made a El.44 million loss. This forced overall pretax profits to £2.82 million (£3.86 million) and earnings to 3.5p a share (6.45p). The final dividend is held at 4.66p.

MAM's £250m of credit

MERCURY ASSET MANAGEMENT, the UK fund manager, has raised a £250 million line of credit for use in an emergency. The credit-raising exercise, which was led jointly by JP Morgan, the US securities house, and Royal Bank of Scotland was oversubscribed. In February, Hugh Stevenson, MAM chairman, said the credit line was a matter of "prudence" and was nothing to do with a rumoured share buyback after the company's financial year end on March 31.

Print chief makes £3m

TIMOTHY BRETTELL, founder and chairman of Access Plus, has raised £3 million after selling a third of his stake in the specialist printing company. Mr Brettell was joined by Nick Haigh and Chris Pope, finance director, who sold stakes worth £902,000 and £451,000 respectively. The shares were placed with institutions at 148p each, against the flotion price of 90p five months ago. Yesterday, the shares, which trade on the Alternative Investment Market, stayed at 1552 p.

Health insurance seen as a necessity within ten years

Survey reveals fears for NHS

By MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

DESPITE assurances from both major political parties, the vast majority of people believe the National Health Service will be dismantled within 50 years, according to a survey by Bupa, the UK's largest healthcare provider.

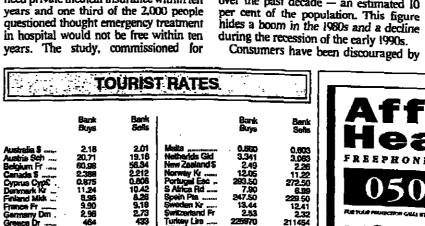
More than 70 per cent believe they will need private medical insurance within ten Bupa's fiftieth anniversary, found that almost 70 per cent expected to have to meet the full cost of residential care for the elderly within a decade.

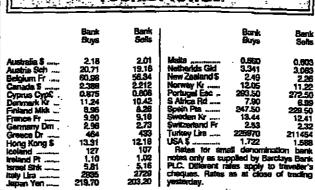
However, despite the concerns expressed by those who took part in the survey, there is no indication that demand for medical insurance is increasing. The number of people buying cover has increased by only 700,000 to 5.7 million over the past decade - an estimated 10 per cent of the population. This figure hides a boom in the 1980s and a decline during the recession of the early 1990s.

the cost of comprehensive cover and poor publicity surrounding the industry as a whole. Last year the Office of Fair Trading criticised providers for not giving enough detail about policy cover, making comparisons difficult.

Medical insurance is widely perceived as expensive and premiums have been increasing. There have also been a number of disputes over the scope of insurance cover.

Bupa has 45 per cent of the market. down from its peak of 75 per cent in 1970s. while PPP has increased its market share by 4 per cent to 27 per cent.







NIESR calls for higher tax rather than rate rises

By Alasdair Murray

predicting it will grow just 2 per cent, compared with 7 per

cent growth in the business

NIESR forecasts that infla-

tion will end next year at 2.1

per cent, well below the 2.5 per

cent target level adopted by

both main parties. NIESR is also more san-

guine than many commenta-

tors about the tightening labour market. It believes that

there is substantially more slack in the labour market

services sector.

risen by 15 per cent since last AN influential economic thinktank has called on the next August, will restrict GDP growth to 2.5 per cent this year, well below the Treasury than interest rates to help to maintain a healthy economy.

The National Institute of forecast of 3.5 per cent growth. The manufacturing sector will be especially hit with NIESR

Economic and Social Re-search (NIESR) gave warning that economic policy was be-coming "unbalanced" with monetary policy too tight and fiscal policy too loose. In its latest economic review NIESR argues that the high

exchange rate is keeping the lid on inflation. But it adds that taxes will need to rise by about £3.5 billion to place government finances on a more sustainable basis.

The institute predicts that the strong pound, which has

A&L sells estate agency

ALLIANCE & Leicester yesterday announced the sale of its commercial estate ncy business. Stiles Harold Williams, to a management buyout team for an initial £250,000.

The sale represents the former building society's final withdrawal from estate agency, having written off £40 million for the

By Adam Jones

purpose in 1995. It will have no further effect on this year's results.

The buyout team comprises 14 senior staff, headed by Robert Stiles. The money was raised privately. An additional £25,000, or one third of post-tax profit, whichever is the higher, will also be paid to the bank for three years.

than in 1990 pointing to an working population. The proportion of the potential workforce not employed is higher at 26 per cent, compared with 22 per cent in 1990. But NIESR predicts that the

next government will ignore its rate recommendations and raise rates by half a point., A separate report from the institute warns that the Government's balance sheet is worsening despite recent falls in borrowing. NIESR says that to place government finances on a sustainable basis the next Chancellor will need to stabilise the ratio of public sector net worth to GDP.

☐ The number of company failures rose in the first three months of the year, although the underlying trend remains downwards. KPMG, the accountancy firm, recorded 340 receiverships between January and March, a 14.5 per cent increase on the three months to December when it recorded 297 failures. But KPMG said the number of receiverships had fallen by 23 per cent compared with the first quarter of 1996. Manufacturing companies accounted for third of all failures, with retail and finance 10 per cent and 12 per cent in construction.

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Considering new debt: Stephen Davidson, chief executive

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SFO launches Regan inquiry

By Sarah Cunningham

THE Serious Fraud Office has begun an investigation into the "Trellis" payment, the £2.4 million paid by a company controlled by Andrew Regan in 1995 to extend a £235 million-a-year contract with the Co-operative

The inquiry is a further blow to Mr Regan, who was forced last week to abandon plans to bid for CWS and who now faces civil and private criminal prosecution by CWS. Mr Regan has this week lost the services of Hambros, his bank, and Travers Smith Braithwaite, his solicitor, both of whom have apologised and paid substantial damages to CWS. The SFO will look at the circumstances surrounding the extension of a contract for Hobson, a food manufacturer then run by Mr Regan, to

LIAM STRONG, chief execu-

tive of Sears, is set to receive a

payoff of up to £500,000 when

he leaves the company in June.

mounting pressure to resign

during the past 18 months, is

on a two-year contract and was

paid £412,000 last year. He will

receive a year's salary plus

some pension contributions

when he leaves, the company

said yesterday. Sears confirmed that, after

repeated delays, it is to sell

Freemans, its mail-order arm. to Littlewoods. The price is

£367.5 million, but Sears is ex-

pected to net only £318 million

from the deal, which is subject

to Monopolies and Mergers

Commission approval. The

cash will go towards a £370

million special dividend (equiv-

alent to 24p a share) at the end

of this year. Investors were originally promised £410 million.

Selfridges is to be spun off

and analysts estimate that it will be worth about £580 mil-

lion as a standalone business.

David James, a leading company doctor, has been brought in as executive chairman of the

struggling British Shoe Corporation. Sir Bob Reid, chairman of Sears, said several buyers

have been sniffing around each of the four British Shoe chains.

Dolcis and Cable & Co may be

retained as part of the clothing

business which will form the

problem is with Shoe Express.

The management at Shoe City

has convinced him they believe

in the brand's possibilities but

claim it suffered from being

restricted to a narrow range.

described BSC as "a painful

boil which has to be lanced."

Sir Bob said Sears may sell

Mr James says the main

core of the new Sears.

Mr Strong, who has faced

supply the CWS. As part of the deal, a £2.4 million payment was made to Trellis International, a British Virgin Islands company controlled by Ronald Zimet, an Anglo-Isreali

Mr Zimet resigned as chairman of Freepages, the AIM-listed group, on Monday but retains a 22 per cent stake in the group, worth £30 million.

dated April 23, Graham Melmoth, chief executive of CWS, wrote: "Mr Zimet got his instructions from you late on 19th January [1995]. Then, miraculously, only three working days later, Mr Zimet announces that he has overcome the intractable negotiating problem which you say you faced. The deal is then

that extraordinary. What did Mr Zimet do to earn £2.4 million in three days."

bought by Hillsdown Holdings, the food group, which passed all files relating to the deal to CWS two weeks ago. These documents were then handed over to the SFO by CWS lawyers. CWS and Hillstlown have said yester-day that they would en-operate

fully with the SFO. Neither Mr Regan nor his business partner David Lyons, nor anyone else at Lanica Trust, the investment company run by Mr Regan, or at Galileo. the company set up to make the CWS bid, were available to comment.

SBC Warburg, the merchant bank that then advised Hobson, said it was not aware of the payment when it was made in January 1995, learning of it two months later. It resigned shortly afterwards. Peter Large, the director in

charge of the Hobson account. subsequently left to join Hambros, where he advised first Hobson and latterly Mr Regan's Galileo consortium on its aproach to CWS.

KPMG, Hobson's auditor. said it was given assurances about the payment so that it

accounts for 1995. Dibb Lupton Alsop, Hobson's then lawyers, declined to comment. The SFO will be conducting

the inquiry with the Greater Manchester Police and the Metropolitan Police Fraud Squad. The SFO, which said that no arrests had been made, took up the case after the alleged fraud was outlined to it last Tuesday by Linklaters & Paines, solicitors to CWS.

Although it is unusual for the SFO to take on a case involving a sum as low as £2.4 million, it is believed that the case does fit all the main SFO criteria. It is complex, and has an international scope. Also the SFO is able to obtain interviews under compulsion. which cannot then be used as evidence in a criminal prosecution. This means that the banks and solicitors involved

in the negotiations can co-

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Tax rises

The National Institute of Economic and Social Research is calling upon the next Chancellor to raise taxes, instead of raising interest rates. Economists believe monetary policy is too tight but that fiscal policy is too slack. Page 30

Rising losses

Losses at Euro Disney, the theme park operator. increased in the first half of 1997 after a rise in interest

AND JASON NISSE

Wholesale Society.

. . .

businessman.

In a letter to Mr Regan

By Jason Nisse

NOMURA Bank international,

whose sister company was set to

finance Galileo's bid for the Co-

operative Wholesale Society, is to

remain as a banker to the co-operative

movement after giving assurances

that it had not passed on any

confidential information.

minority share. No closures

are expected by the company.

Mr Strong said the shoe

business had property worth

£80 million, meaning that the

maximum write-off that may arise would be £120 million.

Mr Strong, who has been chief executive for five years,

delivered his last set of group

results yesterday. In the year

to January 31. Sears made a

pre-tax profit of £68.1 million

against a loss of £119.7 million

a year ago. The final dividend stays at 2.9p. The total re-

Sir Bob said the current low

Sears share price reflected an

undervaluation of the assets.

The shares were unchanged

yesterday at 7712p. Sean Ed-

die, retail analyst at NatWest

Markets, said the restructur ing looked complex and "not

been fully thought out".

mains at 3.95p.

Strong in

line for

£500,000

payoff

By Sarah Cunningham

done within hours and you pay him £2.4 million. I find

has three directors in common with

CWS, is set to borrow up to £15 million

from Nomura as part of its financing

needs this year and met the bank on

Monday. Nomura explained then that

the role of its sister company. Nomura International, in backing Galileo's bid was a commercial deal and that no

confidential information given to it by CRS has been seen by the team working on the CWS deal.

Hobson was subsequently

NOMURA CAN STILL BANK ON CO-OPERATION FROM CRS Harry Moore, CRS chief executive. said yesterday he had meet Andrew Regan to discuss the Galileo bid a couple of weeks ago, but had told Mr Regan he could not support his bid for

CWS. Mr Moore attacked the CWS for not being willing to put the Galileo offer to its members and added: "If Andrew Regan and this bid has woken up the co-operative movement to radical change we can only applaud this."

CRS tried four times in the past 12 years to persuade the CWS to merge with it but is now not keen on a

Mr Moore admitted CRS's results were poor. In the year to January 25 it made a pre-tax loss of £13.8 million compared with a profit of £13.7 million the previous year. Mr Moore's salary. however, rose by £9,000 to £277.000. Mellon's view. page 30: Pennington 31

Carlton talks to BT on digital TV link

By Eric Reguly

A GROUP led by Carlton Communications has opened negotiations with BT to form an alliance to launch digital TV in terrestrial form.

The move is part of BT's effort to become a significant player in the digital broadcasting business, which will give viewers the choice of more than 200 channels when it is launched by early 1998.

Carlton and its partners in the British Digital Broadcasting (BDB) consortium have asked BT to devise ways to make the BDB set-top boxes interactive, allowing services such as home banking and shopping. BT would share in the revenue generated by these services in exchange for subsi-

dising their retail price. BDB's shareholders are Carlton, Granada and BSkyB. the satellite broadcaster 40 per cent owned by News International, owner of The Times. BDB will learn next month whether it has won the licence to start digital terrestrial TV. its only rival is the Digital Television Network, led by International CableTel, the

US cable group.

BT is forming a parallel alliance to help BSkyB to launch digital satellite TV. BT and its parmers ta, owner of the Panasonic electronics brand, and Midland Bank - have tentatively agreed to become sharehold ers in the Interactive Services Company (Isco), which will spend about \$500 million to subsidise the prices of BSkyB's digital set-top boxes.

The talks to form Isco are said to be complete. BSkyB and BT plan to announce the company after the election.

Company doctor, page 30 Pennington, page 31 Liam Strong, left, awaits a payoff from Sir Bob Reid after his long-awaited departure

Five years on, and chief finally concedes defeat

By Sarah Cunningham

WHEN Liam Strong delivered the Sears year-end results for 1992, his first year in charge, he said his main task was to turn around British Shoe Corporation. He has said essentially the same thing every year since. Finally, as he prepared to leave the group yesterday, he admitted that he had failed.

He said "I have to act fast." He "I've failed to extract value from the shoe business." he conceded. However, he still insisted: "We've succeeded in majority stakes in some of the shoe businesses, but keep a creating two excellent busi-

clothing and nesses in Selfridges.

Judgment in the City was less generous. "He was clearly the wrong man when he was brought in to do the job," one institutional shareholder said. "Compare Sears with what has happened at Burton under new management.

Mr Strong was brought in from British Airways in 1992 to shake up the sprawling business. He sold off the shoe factories, along with Galliford

Your Price menswear. More recently, Olympus Sports and Hush Puppy shoes have been sold. In 1994 he felt confident enough to say "We are no longer in the recovery phase." He spoke too soon. In 1995-

96. Sears made a pre-tax loss of £119.7 million. This year has also been grim. Sir Bob Reid, chairman, supported Mr Strong to the last and paid tribute to him yesterday. His was a lone voice.

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APV may be bid

In a brief statement the company, which manufactures equipment for the food and drinks industry. said: "The board has received an indication of interest which may result in an offer being made for the company. It is not clear at this stage whether this approach will or will not lead to an offer being made.

APV said it "will keep shareholders informed of developments". The group and its advisers refused all further comment after the

APV has suffered a prolonged period of underperformance despite extensive restructuring.

target

By Oliver August

A STOCK EXCHANGE inquiry is likely after heavy trading in shares in APV yesterday ahead of the company's disclosure of a bid approach.

Almost 15 million shares were traded yesterday afternoon. The normal turnover of APV shares is between one and two million shares per day. The shares rose from 66p to 71p, valuing the business at £211 million.

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US data helps to restore FT-SE By Alasdair Murray mortgage lending was also weaker than

■ THE London markets showed no signs of pre-election nerves yesterday as the pound and the FT-SE 100 index climbed back towards recent highs.

The index closed up 43.5 points at 1,433.2. just 11 points shy of its record. after weaker than expected US employment data calmed fears that interest rates would rise later this month in America. The US data also pushed the pound

higher against the dollar, closing up nearly a cent at \$1.6310. Sterling gained nearly a pfennig against the mark to linish trading at DM2S127. The pound's trade-weighted index climbed from 09.3 to 100.3.

Traders said the lack of concern about the expected Labour victory was surprising

given the party's historically unhappy relationship with the markets and that a substantial Labour victory was already discounted in the price of shares and sterling. The only outcome likely to upset the market on Friday morning would be a hung Partiament which could result in a big sell-off by foreign investors worried by a period of political uncertainty.

The market was also unruffled by the latest consumer credit figures which showed growth slowing in March. Total net lending fell from £3.06 billion in February to £2.55 billion last month - the

lowest level for nearly a year. Consumer credit fell from a record El.2 billion in February to £780 million, while in recent months, falling to £1.77 billion from £1.87 billion in February. The credit card element of lending also slipped to £205 million (£340 million). Economists said the fall reflected credit card repayment after heavy borrowing in February. Adam Cole, UK economist at HSBC

James Capel, said that the consumer credit figures are likely to slow further after windfall gains and stronger income growth. But separate figures from the British Banker's Association showed quarterly growth in bank lending at a record £11.4 billion.

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L&G driven to record by talk of Halifax bid

surged 2212p to a high of 431p amid mounting speculation that it may be the first bid target for the Halifax Building Society after it loses its mutual status on the way to a stock market listing in June.

There was heavy trading in Legal & General shares yesterday, with 6.77 million having traded by the close compared with the normal market size of 25,000 shares. At these levels the group, which is one of Britain's biggest insurers, carries a price tag of £5 billion. That compares with the £10 billion capitalisation that the Halifax is expected to command after it takes its place as a constituent of the top 100

The Legal & General share price has risen spectacularly during the past couple o weeks, from around the 382p level. It went ex the 10p dividend on Monday.

Brokers are convinced that the Halifax will wish to use its new-found financial muscle and diversify into other areas. Legal & General is seen as a logical target. Business has been booming among the insurers, as figures for new business among personal equity plans have revealed.

Among those also to make headway were Prudential, up 1312p at 60412p, United Assurance, up 712p at 474p. Britan-nic, up 8p at 834p, and London and Manchester. up 512p at 41612p.

Elsewhere, share prices and and government bonds put in a late rally to close sharply higher as the threat of an imminent rise in US interest rates eased, for the time being

Investors in London took heart from a surge of 113points in the Dow Jones industrial average that accompanied weaker than expected durable goods and employ-

The FT-SE 100 index, having traded in narrow limits for much of the day, took off after news of the US numbers filtered through. It closed just a shade below its best of the day with a rise of 43.5 at 4,433.2. A total of 916 million shares changed hands. All eyes are now on Friday's US non-farm payroll numbers.

Unilever eased 2p to El6.2l¹2 after a presentation given by Procter & Gamble, its biggest rival, in London vesterday. The American group is threatening to challenge



Unilever in a number of key

areas in the European market. Reuters marked time at 624p. The company is due to give a presentation to brokers

in New York today. Brokers had their heads down yesterday busily recalculating their numbers over the break-up value of Sears, the ailing Selfridges and Freemans retailer, un-

plus despite losses in the region of £20 million this year. The rump of the business will be worth another 40p and the sale of Freemans could bring in a further 24p of cash.

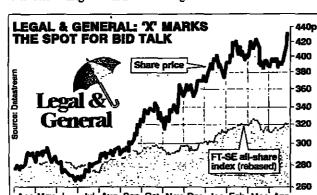
News of a bid approach for APV came at the close of business, with the price already showing a 5p rise at 7lp on turnover of 14 million. The Stock Exchange will no doubt

What is behind the heavy turnover in Dragon Oil, a favourite with punters? Almost 80 million shares changed hands yesterday as the price rose 12p to 4p. There are 5.4 billion shares in issue, valuing the company at £216 million. If it reaches 20p, the group is in line to become a constituent of the FT-SE 250.

changed at 7712p. This follows confirmation that Liam Strong, chief executive, is stepping down, and Selfridges will be demerged. Credit Lyonnais Laing calculates the break-up value at 80p, while Nick Bubb. at MeesPierson, opts for the highest price tag. of 110p a

He values Selfridges at 40p. with the British Shoe Corporation containing a small surwant to know why turnover was so high before the announcement. In after-hours trading market-makers were quoting a price of 85p. The speculators say a bid would be pitched at nearer 100p. valuing the engineer at almost £300 million

Optometrics closed lp firmer at 2312p, but is expected to open sharply lower this morning. Peter Levine and a consor-



at the books and decided against buying a controlling stake from the board. Shares of Mosaic Invest-

ments returned from suspension 912p dearer at 6212p after the acquisition of Premiership-bound Bolton Wanderers. Mosaic, headed by David Williams, will be re-named Burnden Leisure and will specialise in sport, leisure development and management, with a price tag of £24

The second profits warning in six weeks left Watmoughs nursing a fall of 8712p at

Polypipe fell 312p to 24112p as Charterhouse Tilney, the broker, placed 6.4 million shares with ten institutions at 236p. The proceeds will be used to help to finance the acquisition of Celmac Group

for almost Ell million. Institutional investors continued to chase the banking sector higher. No fewer than five of them scaled new heights as a fresh wave of cash highlighted the acute problem of stock shortages.

They included Alliance & Leicester, up 15p at 574p. Bank of Scotland, which came out with bumper figures last week, 16p better at 376p. HSBC, up 36p at £16.13, and Standard Chartered, 14p dearer at 93112p. Lloyds TSB. which reached a new high on Monday, eased 1p to 575p.

NatWest Bank finished the ession 321 ap higher at 751p. but remains 85p below its best of the year. Other gains recorded were Abbey National. 2512p to 85112p, Barclays, 45p to Ell.6112, and Royal Bank of Scotland, 10p to 582p.

☐ GILT-EDGED: Gains of up to E34 were seen at the longer end, once again outperforming German bunds, as investors reacted positively to economic data from the US. The Tune series of the long

gilt climbed £5s to £1091116 as a total of 69,000 contracts were completed. In longs, Treasury 8 per cent 2015 finished £34 higher at £1021516, while Treasury 8 per

cent 2000 was seven ticks firmer at £102916. □ NEW YORK: Shares extended their gains at midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rallying by 109.58 points to 6,892.60. The rally was fuelled by a strong move higher in the bond market after softer than forecast economic figures.

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Fattened for the feast

HAMBROS looks like a sitting duck. Its strategy of building up corporate finance. buying in glamour in the hope of bagging some headline deals, has paid off in an unfortunate way. The Co-op fiasco leaves the bought-in corporate financiers looking like mangy toms who deposited something messy and half-dead on Sir Chips Keswick's doorstep. However, the real hunter that Sir Chips has to worry about lies thousands of miles away. Regent Pacific has already declared its unsubtle intentions. The Hong Kong fund manager wants to break up Hambros and after a public offering of shares in the colony, will be in a position to add to its 4 per cent share in Hambros.

Why is Regent keen on buving a conglomeration of estate agency, insurance and banking? The question provides the answer -

Hambros is a classic opportunity for an oldfashioned asset strip. Including its preference shares. Hambros is valued at £558 million but its stake in Hambro Countrywide, the estate agency, has a market value of almost £240 million and a shareholding in Hambro Insurance Services might fetch another £26million. The bank also has investment in private companies whose book value last year was £124 million. Strip out all these investments and a bidder at the market price has paid £168 million for a bank with a net asset value, as at March 1996, of £295 million.

These numbers suggest the name Hambros has much negative goodwill attached to it and recent events make it clear why. A bidder might wish to take a more cautious look at the Hambros loan book. Even so, enough to

In a sense Cairn is not an

obvious partner for the oil

multinational but Shell's

current strategy is to seek

bigger positions in the gas chain in developing coun-

tries. That Shell is prepared

to agree an equal alliance

over such a large territory

with a small player is no

small endorsement of Cairn.

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investors should take note.

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The alliance has an even

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hint that the proposed part-nership could seek opportu-

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management has knowledge

of the gasfields in Burma,

another politically sensitive

area in which little Cairn

might act as a useful front for

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Cairn Energy

SHELL answered a big brain-teaser yesterday: what is Cairn's Sangu discovery really worth? Unfortunately. the answer is somewhat disappointing and it reveals how far market valuations can drift from the hardnosed reckoning of the men at the drill bit. Shell is paying \$130 million for half of Cairn's interest in Sangu. a \$50 million discount from recent valuations of Sangu

by some analysts. A dilutive deal with Shell ought not to be good news but in a wider sense it is irrelevant. The partnership is not about Sangu but about future acreage and, in typically bullish fashion, Cairn reckons that the deal will bring with it the chance of a share in more acreage, bigger projects and the export of gas to India.

APV

THE mystery bidder at the door of APV is either very foolish or a rival of the process engineering company. APV has been through so many restructurings that the operations can only be skin and bone. This is not to

suggest that APV is a lean and mean machine. The company had too many businesses making too many competing products, and the never-ending restructurings have attempted to cut the business into manageable

APV's problem is its market, which has been shrinking. Food manufacturers have been through a torrid recession and faced with several sources for capital equipment, they can dictate prices. With customers the size of Unilever. APV is not in a position to bargain. Meanwhile, these customers are themselves cutting back on surplus capacity and APV

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its order book in January. What this industry needs is consolidation with a rival such as GEA in Germany or Alfa-Laval, but competition authorities could easily block a deal. Of course, Siebe once took a pot shot at APV but it would be odd for a company so focused on growth mar-

Euro Disney

kets to take such a risk.

"A RIDE, a ride, my Magic Kingdom for a ride!" A fitting lament for Mickey Mouse while he prances around Euro Disney's Paris theme The company, which an-

nounced increased low season losses yesterday. desperately needs a new attraction of the calibre of ride which opened in 1995. Faced with rising interest payments from its Fr15 billion debt mountain. Euro Disney is having to achieve heroic increases in the numsuffered a 15 per cent fall in ber of visitors to its

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Disneyland Paris park and resort just to continue treading water.

First-half revenues were duly up 12.5 per cent in 1997, after prices were frozen at 1996 levels. This growth is likely to slow a bit in the second half, but the overall increase should still be good. helped by better transport links and the relative weakness of the franc.

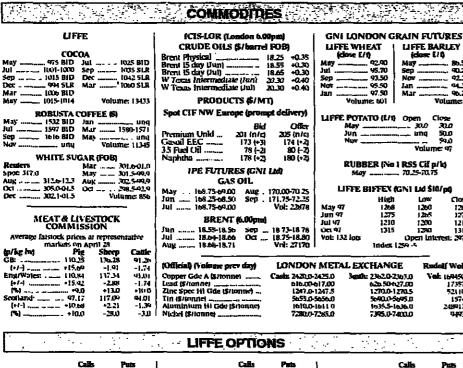
However, with the banks and Disney understandably wanting to recoup some of their investment, it is unlikely that any cash will be available for shareholders. including Prince al-Waleed bin Talal, the Saudi Arabian investor, who owns a 24 per cent stake.

Nor is there likely to be any available for a sequel to Space Mountain, discouraging punters from returning. With no end to the debts in sight, the Disney mouse could drop dead from exhaustion on its treadmill.

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Bronwen Maddox

looks at

America's

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n Friday, Washing-ton will unveil its latest memorial: a monument to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, inscribed with the 1933 speech in which he offered the United States a "New Deal". including a safety net for its poorest citizens. The tributes do not mention that the US, in one of its most radical social experiments for decades, is now overhauling Roosevelt's legacy with a comprehensive programme of welfare reform.

Whichever party wins the British election tomorrow, it will look closely at the results emerging from the transatlantic laboratory. Both Labour and Conservatives have promised to reform welfare and help the long-term unemployed back to work. Yet so far, each has stopped short of America's bluntness: cutting off benefits for those who do not find jobs.

In signing, last August, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act, which was drawn up by the Republican-controlled Congress, President Clinton promised to "end welfare as we know it". For the first time, the new law set absolute limits on the benefits that a person could receive in a lifetime. States must withdraw benefits from aduts who do not start work within two years. Federal cash cannot be paid to families headed by someone on benefits for five years or more.

The move was driven partly by economic concerns. As the non-partisan Congressional Research Service notes (see chart). Federal Government spending on means-tested benefits has risen for three decades. The cuts represented by last year's legislation have only partly slowed the increase because of the swelling cost of medical care for moves were driven by a change in public attitudes. It has be-

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children to work, while Americans have become less tolerant of single mothers who rely on welfare to raise their children. And whereas many welfare programmes were originally targetted at widows and their children, they now support unmarried mothers, who enjoy far less public sympathy.

But will the dozens of different experiments underway across the US work? The definition of success is itself open to debate. To many conservatives, the reforms are justified simply if they cut federal and state spending. To liberals and some moderates, they are successful only if they also improve the long-term welfare of the poor.

the blueprint for success. Tom-

successfully in 1986 on a platform of welfare reform, blames "classic liberal mistakes" for the lean in its welfare rolls in the early 1980s. People would move to Wisconsin from other states to sign on for its generous benefits, he says, while billboards on the border with Illinois read "Will the last business to leave Wisconsin

please turn out the lights".

Under Mr Thompson's schemes, which began years before Mr Clinton's legislation. parents see their benefits cut unless they do some work and make sure that children up to the age of 18 attend school. Since January 1987, Wisconsin has seen the number of families hildren receiving aid fall 49 per cent, higher than any Governor who campaigned consin plans to go further, by insists Jerine Irven, the job-

company insists that it counts

limiting an adult to a maximum five years of benefit (in some cases only two years of support) over his or her whole life. Wisconsin makes no exceptions for mental or physical handicap; it also plans to make new mothers do some work as soon as the baby is three months old. "Welfare takes away your vision, your optimism, your abili-ty to think of your self-worth," Mr Thompson says. "I want to eliminate it completely."

In a linoleum-floored classroom in Milwaukee, the state capital, the implications of Mr Thompson's moral crusade are being hammered home to 18 welfare recipients, all but one of them black, all but three of children. "Do not put President my Thompson, the Republican other state. This autumn, Wis- of a bank' under desired job,"

search teacher. "Do not put 'Owner of my own shopping mail'. Do not put 'airline pilot' as someone did last week". To a protest from a young black man that he had always wanted to be a pilot, she retorts: "Airline pilot is unrealistic. You have only a very short time to find a job."

Arizona

Wisconsin, with excellent public schools, strong economy and falling unemployment (at 3.5 per cent), has found it easier than many other states to cut welfare rolls. But part of the reason for the rapid fall in the caseload comes from the recognition, as Mr Thompson puts it, that "you can't do it on the cheap". The state's spending on providing childcare, to overcome one of the main barriers single mothers face in going back to work, will have risen

Here's to you, Ms Robinson vowed she would never again

when she tried to buy more. The deal turned ugly. She was robbed and beaten up, losing her front teeth. When she came to, she realised she could not sink any lower. She had been addicted for ten waged workers. Marriott's programme is years. She was a single mother of three, homeless and expanding from 16 to 22 cities and guarantees a job to those entirely dependent on a welfare handout of \$320 a month. Today, Ms Robinson is a success story, thanks to her own determination and America's most innovative private sector welfare-to-work

scheme, pioneered by Marriott International Inc. She has a full-time job with Marriott as a chambermaid. She has stayed off drugs for a year and has moved into a flat with her infant daughter. She hopes her two other children. now with her mother, can join

appliances, her own furniture better for Marriott, but the and a car. It has been a struggle for her - and for Marriott, whose task of rehabilitating welfare recipients is both daunting and rewarding. The model may be the future for companies that need low-

who stay the course. Some 650 have undergone six weeks of plus classes that bolster pride and teach basic coping skills such as opening a bank account and finding a place to live. Putting a trainee through the course costs \$5,000. half of that state-funded. Marriott chooses only the best one in four who apply are taken on. Nearly 80 per cent keep their jobs with Marriott for more than a year, well above aver-

the social benefits and does not track the programme as a profit centre. The Marriott family are Mormons and J. Willard Marriott Jr., chairman and son of the founder, has said that unless companies invest in America's decaying inner cities, the poverty trap will remain in place.

CASE STUDY

Others may be less altruistic but interest in welfare-to-work is growing. Sixty-three organisations and companies have just attended a seminar to learn how Marriott does it.

Each course demands countless extra hours of nurturing by Marriott's person-nel staff. They hunt down absentees and drive them to class, go shopping with train-

ees for clothes, haggle with landlords, negotiate with case workers and even sort out family fights. Janet Tully, programme director, says that many welfare recipients are keen to work but have no idea how to operate within the system and tend to blame others for their troubles.

Ms Robinson was among 12

trainces from Washington, all homeless and black, who celebrated completion of their course at a euphoric awards ceremony. The graduates offered inspirational songs, poems and speeches. Ms Rob-inson moved her classmates to tears when she declared: "I'm not the woman I could have been or should be, but thank God I'm not the woman I used to be."

Another graduate, an energetic woman in a vivid orange dress, led a chant of Jesse Jackson's mantra of self-esteem: "I am Somebody". She

be controlled by the man who had once kidnapped their baby. Later, reality set in; two women on the course were serial trainees, it seemed, signing on for courses but never holding down a job. The woman in the orange dress had been absent for several weeks from her job as a chambermaid, saying her daughter had chicken-pox and raising fears that she was again being abused by her

boyfriend. Marriott draws criticism from trade union leaders for resisting attempts to unionise its workers and for not paying higher wages. In fact, Marriott's median rate of \$7.40 an hour is above the pay of nearly a third of US workers. In addition, Marriott offers stock options, classes on parenting and day care.

pays \$25 a month to those on the job search programme. helps them find presentable clothes for interviews and gives employers training subsidies of \$300 a month.

Despite these costs, says Mr Thompson, the state is in profit from the changes. A decade ago, it spent \$46 million a month on aid to families with children; now it spends \$21 million. On his estimates, after allowing for extra spending, the programmes have saved \$1 billion in a decade, split roughly 50:50 between the State and the Federal Government.

Welfare experts agree that mandatory job search projects such as that in Wisconsin also tried in Arkansas and California - can help a large proportion of welfare recipients find work quickly. Gary Burtless, a senior fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington DC, says such schemes add to work experience, and so may help people achieve steady rises in income.

However, critics charge that Wisconsin has not addressed the bald fact that some people are incapable of steady work. Social workers in Milwaukee say the programme is poorly equipped to deal with those who are highly antisocial or disruptive, if not actually mentally ill. A study by the University of Wisconsin, which called the reforms "a leap into the unknown", said the long-term effects of leaving so many young children in state-run childcare could be worrying.

rom his own 12-year study of single moth-ers, Mr Burtless says that for a minority - he estimates a quarter - strict time limits would probably mean that they could no longer support their children at all and "could cause highly visible hardship and even homelessness*. He concludes: "Unfortunately, the earnings capacity of most women who collect welfare is limited. Any humane and effective reform plan must take this unpleasant fact into account."

Those criticisms are rejected by Wisconsin's Governor, who is adamant about sticking to his principle that everyone is capacharges cannot be properly assessed for several years, they do at least delineate the formidable gamble that ambitious welfare reform programmes are taking.

It is, first of all, a gamble on the economy: that growth will continue, and that the private sector will continue to need unskilled workers. Recession could make an immediate and painful dent in the project, shaking out people who had been shoe-horned into minimum-wage jobs during pros-perity. Second, it is a gamble on changing human behaviour in the long-term: that strict time limits will deter young girls from having families, and encourage them to acquire skills

The risk of bringing about welfare changes is that the poorest and least capable may suffer extreme hardship. That price will not be clear until the guillotine of time limits has finally cut off benefits from long-term recipients. The problem that may then confront politicians is whether voters, however pleased at the shrinking welfare rolls, will want to see the painful consequences of that social reform on their

IAN BRODIE



A golden rule that might make sense

one of the modest canonical roads leading to Smith Square in Westminster, is not the sort of place you would look for a bomb factory. But it is the home of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research, and the latest NIESR quarterly review, contains one table with a potential explosive force. It is called the public sector balance sheet. It explains why our taxes are still too low. despite 22 increases. It blows apart a lot of hallowed icons: the Maastricht criteria, our own medium-term financial strategy, and Gordon Brown's golden rule. Not to mention any Conservative pretensions to good . stewardship.

The public sector what, you may be asking? The fact is that we have not seen such a thing before, and the thought makes me kick myself. No financial journalist would give an ounce of credence to a company report which gave no figures for the capital position; accountants, after all, define profit as the difference between the opening and closing balance. But when it comes to UK Pic, different rules have been applied. A debacle in the public capital position has been brushed under the rug. but not one awkward question has been raised since Harold Macmillan protested against the selling of the family silver. The more fools the rest of us.

What the table shows is that in John Major's six years, first as Chancellor and then as Prime Minister, the net worth of the public sector – its assets less its debts – has been run down by four fifths, or about E200 billion at current prices. That is a loss for every household in the country. Perhaps voters are better economists than the experts. What we have lost is not wealth that we can mortgage, but no less valuable --hospitals with enough beds, decent schools, good roads, adequate police equipment you name it.

. It hurts, and it saddles us with higher spending on private provision, on maintenance, on improvements, a bigger national debt, and about 2p on income tax for

debauchery going on. But the Treasury is not the only body that needs reminding about balance sheets. The figures show up the real cost of using the proceeds of privatisation to pay for current spending (favoured by the IMF). They also show that "solutions" such as the Private Finance

Initiative solve nothing. Borrowing is not itself a sin, whether you are a gov-ernment or a compay. The choice between private and public finance, the institute argues, should not be based on its impact on the PSBR (a Thatcherite cash flow num ber), but on cost, just like the choice bwteen investing or buying in. Is leasing cheaper than borrowing? Common sense, surely: and once you have understood that, you will also understand that the Maastricht constraints on public borrowing are equally empty. Bond issuance is one aspect of economic manage ment, not its acid test.

So what does make sense? An annual official public balance sheet would complete the budget accounts, and show up debauchery; but we still need a guide to sound policy. The institute proposes a definition of a neutral policy: one which stablises the publicly owned share of national wealth. More leans left, less leans right: the arguments are doctrinal, not economic. In a sense this is what Gordon Brown probably had at the back of his mind when he proposed his golden rule, no extra borrowing except for investment; but that is incomplete. It still emphasises borrowing, simply one method of financing, rather than real impacts, as the test of virtue. Bad accounting again.

o should the next gov ernment simply tear up the existing rule book? Ideally, yes, but the shock effect would be too great. A more modest hope that the Treasury and the next Chancellor will read the Review, and that the next Red Book contains at least a mention of the public sector balance

British companies are said to be too much dominated by accountants. Could they export some to our biggest financial concern?

age for hotel industry workher. She is saving up for ers. The longer they stay, the Sole searching

LIAM STRONG was putting on a brave face yesterday; despite having to give his many critics the satisfaction of seeing him finally throw in the towel. After parting company with Sears he plans to go sailing for the

He will then consider the "range of options" he says he has open to him. "I am probably not going to go into another shoe business." Strong said, with admirable prescience.



"I never thought I'd say it but I'd love to be in his shoes"

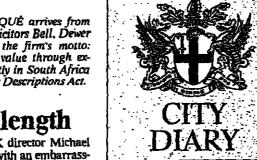
■A COMMUNIQUÉ arrives from Johannesburg solicitors Bell, Dewer & Hall bearing the firm's motto: "Lawyers adding value through expertise." Apparently in South Africa there is no Trades Descriptions Act.

Hands' length

NOMURA BANK director Michael Cooke was faced with an embarrassing situation on Monday when he turned up for a meeting of the lending group to the Co-operative Retail Society. CRS may be at daggers drawn with the Co-operative Wholesale Society, but Cooke was at pains to distance himself from Guy Hands, the corporate financier at Nomura International, who was helping Andrew Regan put together the finance for the abortive bid for the CWS. Neil Pringle, the CRS's urbane fi-

nancial controller, accepted the apology with equanimity. The bank said it had not talked to the corproate finance side. There are Japanese walls apparently."

Tiger chasing JIM MELLON, the stalker of Ham- OA READER calls to point out that



globe-trotting head of Regent Pacific, the Hong Kong-based fund manager. cut his teeth in the emerging Tiger markets of South-East Asia under the auspices of Richard Thornton's eponymous group. He was there when the 1987 crash wreaked havoc in the region. Now he is back with his own company and thriving in the new Tiger economies of Eastern Europe as well as holding a near 4 per cent stake in Hambros Bank. The Regent portfolio is not for the faint-hearted so nice to see such august bodies as the President and Fellows of Harvard College and our own Equitable Life backing him.

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and Russian embassies can only be called on premium-rate phone lines. Who knows what great insights you can get at 45p per minute?

Riding high

THE latest IRA campaign has halted planes, trains and automobiles but not determined executives. Rupert Lowe and Andrew Cowen, chairman and managing director of Southampton Leisure, got stuck in an impossi-ble traffic jam on the M3 yesterday caused by the latest round of bomb threats. Fortunately, they were able to turn back to Mr Cowen's house and beat the traffic by both riding to their meeting at the Dell, home of Southampton Football Club, on Mr Cowen's pride and joy - a BMW 1,000cc motorbike.

● A SPOT of wishful thinking from the fax machines at Tory Central Office? A press release winging its way from Conservative HQ was mysteriously datelined 1992. Nostalgic memories of the last election victory must be permeating the air.

Reading rescue

ALAN LEWIS is clearly enjoying himself as receiver of AFC Bournemouth, the second division football club. The Arthur Andersen partner, a veteran of the Gooda Walker, Coal Investments bros Bank, is no stranger to risk. The the cultural departments of the US and Maxwell insolvencies, has done

everything but play in goal in his attempts to save The Cherries. He offered to compete in a penalty shoot-out against Trevor Watkins.

the lawyer from Hammond Suddards who runs the Bournemouth Trust Fund, and a representative of the supporters club, to raise money for the club. But a downpour washed out the competition last weekend.

Now Reading, where multimillionaire publisher John Madejski is about to build a £37 million "Madejski" stadium, is coming to the rescue. It is playing a charity game against Bournemouth a week today at the end of which the shoot-out will reconvene. Weather permitting.



John Madejski will see his team come to the rescue of a rival

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Irish boom economy expected to continue

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

THE Republic of Ireland's booming economy is set to continue to outstrip its European neighbours until 2005. the country's leading economic think-tank has said In a report published today

the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI) predicts GNP growth of 5.5 per cent for the remainder of the 1990s, slowing to 5 per cent through to 2005.

The independent group says that such growth will fuel a sharp fall in unemployment from its current rate of around Il per cent to just 7 per cent by 2005 and that Ireland will achieve the EU average standard of living within the next eight years. The authors conclude: The long-standing cliché of Ireland as a small vulnerable economy on the periphery of Europe is already

looking a little threadbare. The Medium Term Review says the cornerstone of Ireland's economic success was

Fibernet's price dives

SHARES in Fibernet, the AIM-listed data networking specialist, dived from 178 2p to 145 2p after reporting pre-tax profits of £132,000 in the six months to February 28, slightly down on the £192,000 in the previous first half. Earnings per share were maintained at 0.4p but again there is no dividend.

Greig Middleton, the company's broker, said: "The past six months have not been without their frustrations. From a standing start last summer, Fibernet has been grappling with establishing a support infrastructure and managing network roll-out."

laid in the late 1960s when the Government introduced free secondary level education - a full 20 years after most other European countries. However, unlike some, Ireland continued to make education a priority. Today, almost 50 per cent of those leaving the education system do so after tertiary training. More than 80 per cent stay in schools at least until Leaving Certificate (A levels) standard, giving a higher rate of participation in

education than in Britain. The authors say these developments have interacted with and influenced such fundamental areas as the skill levels of the workforce, female participation in the Labour market and emigration.

The latter area has shown the most dramatic improvement. Back in 1950 almost one third of the country's potential labour market entrants emigrated in search of employment. Today the exceptional performance of the economy has resulted in net immigration. This in turn is set to cut the dependence/workers ratio from one of the highest in Europe in the Eighties to one of the lowest by 2005.

The ESRI cites tight fiscal controls, moderate pay demands and national wage agreements as key instruments of growth. It says that more of the same is required in the next decade if growth is to be sustained.

"The biggest danger is that an excessive rise in expectation could feed into wage inflation or on supportable demands on the Exchequer," says the report. However, it should be possible, says the report, to eliminate new government borrowing in the next three years and to run a small surplus by 2005.

The predictions are based on the presumption that EMU will go ahead on January 1, 1999, and that the Republic will be a founding member.

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Action Man's Critical Mission, a challenging adventure maze. Plus there are crazy entertainers,



Patrick Coyle, left, chief executive, and Conor McCarthy, retiring chairman and chief executive, yesterday

Ryan races ahead after revamp

bishment programme last year helped to boost profits 45 per cent at Ryan Hotels, one of the Republic of Ireland's leading chains (Eileen McCabe writes). The group, which has hotels throughout Ireland and three outlets on the Conti-

IrE4.04 million. Earnings grew 43 per cent to 1r5.25p a share. Over the past four years, Ryan has spent IrE8 million updating many of its leading hotels in Ireland. Yesterday, it announced a 100bedroom extension to the Gresham

also said that, as expected, Conor McCarthy would be stepping down as chief executive, but would remain as nonexecutive chairman. There is a final dividend of Irl.25p, payable on August 7, giving a total of Irl.87p (Irl.5p).

Latins lead

in \$40bn

market

for music

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE overall volume of global

music sales grew by 4 per cent

last year, totalling four billion

units worth \$39.5 billion, the

International Federation of

the Phonographic Industry

(IFPI) said yesterday. The

Watmoughs shares tumble after second profit warning

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Watmoughs (Holdings) fell 24.3 per cent after the printing group issued its second profit warning in iust six weeks. Patrick Walker. chairman, told the company's annual meeting that underlying profits in the first half would fall short of last year's interim profits.

He said the difficult trading conditions in Britain in the final quarter of last year had continued in the first three months of the current year, although there is now evidence that the market for highquality web offset is improving. UK gravure operations are

suffering from the strength of the pound, which is affecting exports and the non-contractual gravure business, which competes in a European market. This is being compounded by the price of paper being cheaper in continental Europe than in Britain. Markets for financial printing and packing

company said. Operations in Spain and Hungary are progressing in line with expectations in local currency terms, although these are suffering on translation into sterling.

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The disclosure that first-half

profits would fall below last year's comparable £9.6 million stunned the stock market. and the shares fell 872p to 2722p, wiping more than £58 million from the company's market value, to £188.7 million.

A year ago the shares traded at 480p. In March they fell 282p to 4072 after the company reported a fall in pre-tax profits to E22.2 million (£23.7 million). Analysts believe current-year profits are unlikely to exceed £26 million and pressure is growing on Declan Salter, chief executive, to reassure investors that the company can recover.

Early boost for Kuoni Reisen

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

KUONI REISEN, the Swiss travel group and tour operator, said first-quarter results for 1997 were above expecta-tions, leading it to expect double-digit growth in reve-nues for the entire year. It said that if exchange

rates, on a yearly average, remain about the same, based on results for the first quarter, the company expected an increase in earnings before interest and tax of 20 per cent or more. "Depending on developments on securities exchanges, profit should also improve in line with this," it said.

Kuoni also cautioned that alongside uncertainty factors tied to currencies and securities markets, as well as shortterm bookings, it has 50 percent of its fixed costs in the first half, but realises only 10 to 20 per cent of its operating

earnings in that period.

The majority of operating results are seen in the summer and autumn vacation period, which falls in the second half.

fastest growing region of the world was Latin America. The industry group said compact disc sales grew by 9 per cent, while both cassette and vinyl LP sales fell by 1 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. But the singles market experienced continued

growth, with an 8 per cent increase in sales. est growing region, with total sales up by almost 30 per cent. Brazil ended the year as the sixth largest music market in the world, showing an increase of sales of 33 per cent. Growth in Columbia exceeded 30 per cent despite prolonged

said at a seminar held during London's Music Week. "In 1996, around 70 per cent of the world's music growth was generated in less developed markets, in particular from Latin America and Asia. This compared with only 20 per cent in 1993, when global growth was at a similar level to 1996," the

economic problems, the IFPI

industry body said. In Asia, growth of 9 per cent was at its highest for some years. Malaysia, Taiwan and Thailand all had sales growth of more than 20 per cent. Europe retained its position as the largest region for music sales, with 34 per cent of world total, the IFPI said.

In Britain, sales grew by 7 per cent. Among medium-sized markets, Denmark and Portugal both showed growth in sales of more than 15 per cent. In eastern Europe, sales grew by 14 per cent overall, with CD sales increasing by almost 30 per cent and cassette sales up by more than 10 per cent.

Cashless society faces another test

By Sara McConnell

THE Republic of Ireland will get its first taste of the cashless society next year, when Nat-ional Bank of Ireland and Ulster Bank launch a series of pilots to test the Mondex smartcard. Shoppers, users of public transport and others will be able to use the cards directly as an "electronic wallet" for small transactions, instead of using cash. The card can be loaded with cash and debited for goods or services at point of sale.

The two Irish banks will form a joint venture company to exploit the Mondex franchises and develop the necessary infrastracture. Similar franchises exist in the US, Canada, New Zealand and Hong Kong, under the umbrella of Mondex International, 51 per cent owned by

The first pilot in Swindon,



Keegan: Swindon project

Wiltshire, involving 13,000 users, is set to finish in July after two years. Mondex, headed by Mike Keegan, denied that the project had been slow to catch on and said the main aim of the pilot had been to test the equipment. Mondex cards are in use at Exeter and

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Burford acquires retail parks for £65m

BURFORD HOLDINGS has agreed to acquire four retail warehouse parks from Morrison Construction Group for 565.5 million. Burford said the parks in Edinburgh, Stokeon-Trent, Hull and Walsall comprise approximately 450,000 sq ft of lettable retail warehouse accommodation. Only Meadowbank in Edinburgh, comprising 135,000 sq ft, has been developed so far, while planning consent has been granted for development of the three other sites. Construction is expected to proceed shortly.

The company said it will be making stage payments as pre-determined lettings are achieved. Overall, the price reflects an average yield of 7.8 per cent, based on an average rent of £11.30 per sq ft. John Anderson, property director at Burford Holdings, said: "This deal provides us with an excellent yield off a low average base rent and will. provide good returns for Burford shareholders in the short to medium term."

Tate & Lyle investment

TATE & LYLE, the UK sugar company, has invested £4.1 million from its existing cash resources for a 50 per cent stake in a new sugar plant in India. Tate & Lyle's partner in this venture is Simbhaoli Sugar Mills. The plant at Chilwaria, about 300 miles east of Delhi, began production in February. The factory has been designed for easy and low-cost expansion in the medium term to 120,000 tonnes of sugar a year and an eventual capacity of more than 300,000 tonnes a year.

Zeneca collaboration

ZENECA GROUP, the pharmaceuticals company, announced a research collaboration agreement with Oxford University aimed at identifying genes responsible for ischaemic heart disease, caused by an inadequate supply of blood. The company said it will provide financial support to the university in return for clear options on the exploitation of drug development following the discovery of genetic targets during the collaboration.

Hornby back on track

SHARES of Hornby rose 8p to 24412p yesterday after the toys and models company said it expected pre-tax profits for the year to March 31 to be no less than £2.5 million, ahead of City expectations, with earnings of 20p a share. The company incurred a pre-tax loss of £5.16 million in the previous 12 months. Hornby said trading over Christmas met expecta-tions after a slow start. Sales in the first three months of 1997 matched those in the same period last year.

Polypipe to buy Celmac

POLYPIPE, the building products company, has agreed to buy a manufacturer of plastic toilet seats, for a maximum: consideration of £10.9 million. Celmac, based near Manchester, recorded pre-tax profits of £1.6 million in 1996. Its net assets were £2.2 million at the year end. An initial £10.5 million will be paid in shares, with £400,000 payable in cash six months after completion. Polypipe is raising a further £4.9 million through a share issue to repay recent borrowings.

NIE in joint venture

NORTHERN IRELAND ELECTRICITY and United Utilities have set up a joint venture to take over NIE's training, data management and meter reading. Vertex Ireland, an operation between United Utilities' facilities division and NIE's equivalent business, will seek further work in payroll administration. pensions organisation and accounting. Four hundred NIE staff will transfer to Vertex, which will work from Belfast and Dublin

Portman 'stays a society'

PORTMAN BUILDING SOCIETY is committed to remaining in its present form and not converting to a bank. members were told yesterday. Addressing the annual meeting, Douglas Baker, chairman, said the society, which is based in Bournemouth, had reviewed its strategy for the future. "Our position is clear," he said. "We intend to remain a building society because we believe that this best serves the interests of both existing and future members."

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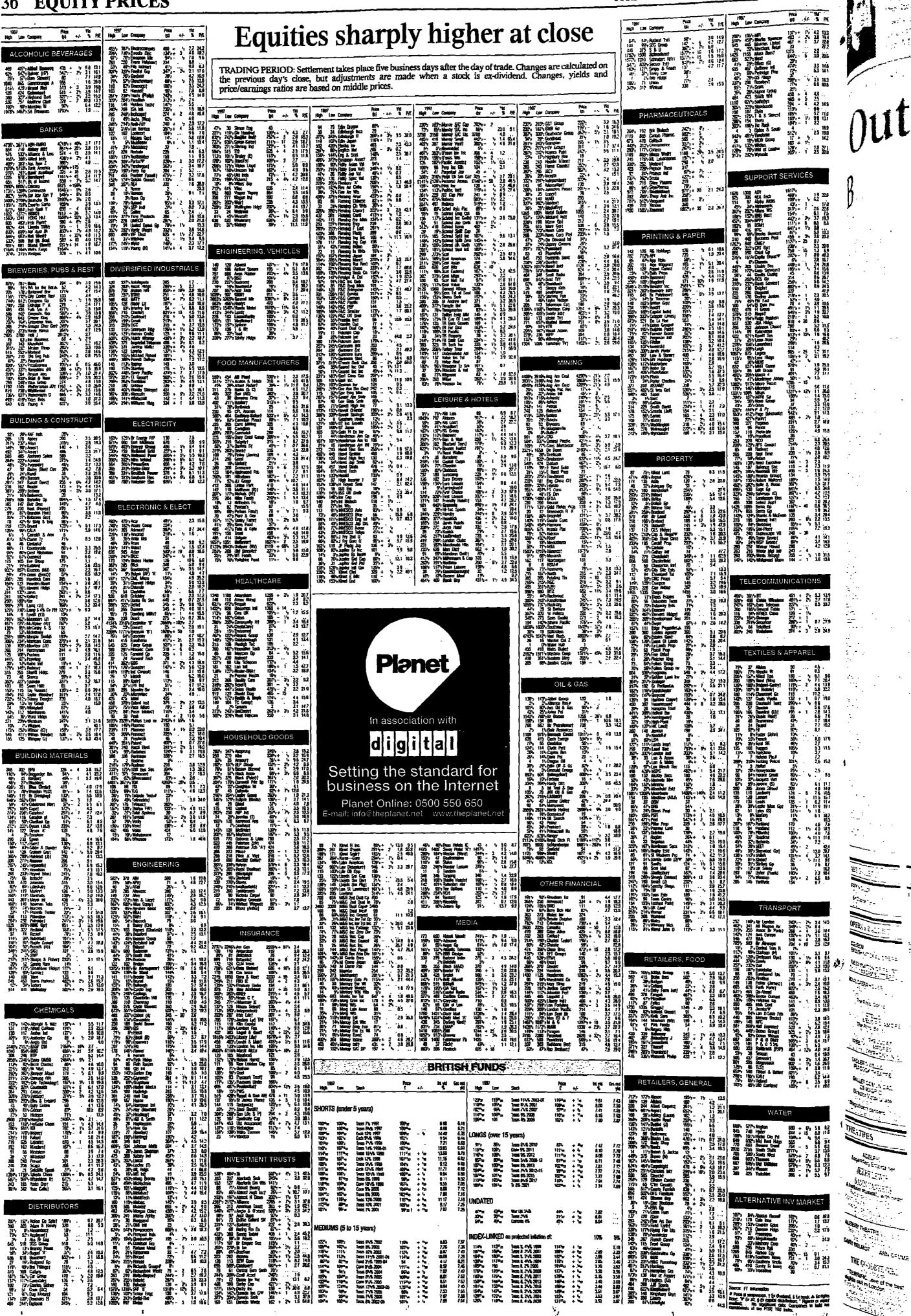
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Hollywood just can't get a grip on Johnny Depp, the anti-star star. Martyn Palmer reports

Outsider on the A-list

y now Johnny Depp could, if he so desired, have turned himself into the conventional movie idol that so many in Hollywood want him to be. He could, for instance, have taken the lead in the huge box office success Speed. which made Keanu Reeves a star. Depp turned it down, as he rejected Legends of the Fall and Interview With The Vampire, major vehicles for Brad Pitt and Tom Cruise

respectively. Instead, the 33-year-old Depp has chosen his own path, preferring to devote his time to films often described as "quirky", usually well-re-ceived by the critics, displaying a formidable talent that has drawn accolades from actors of the stature of Marion Brando and Al Pacino.

Depp's movies may have been slightly leftfield — such as Cry Baby, Edward Scissorhands, What's Eating Gilbert Grape? and Ed Wood - but they have never been anything less than interesting. And, if Depp is regarded as Alist in Tinseltown, then it's almost in spite of himself.

So, when the British director Mike Newell was casting for Donnie Brasco, the true story of an undercover FB1 agent who infiltrated the mob for six years, he knew that Depp was the man to place alongside

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Pacino. "Why did I choose Johnny and not someone like Keanu? Well, I wanted someone who could act, for a start," Newell says. "And Johnny is a very. very clever actor, make no mistake about that."

When you point this out to Depp, and add the fact that both Brando and Pacino have called him the best actor of his generation he positively squirms with embarrassment. "I don't know why people like that say those things, but I mean, obviously, that's great," he stumbles. "I'm lucky to be able to say that they are heroes too, you know? I have nothing but respect for them." A lesser actor could have been chewed up and spat out by Pacino, but in Donnie Brasco it is a bit like watching the Method King passing his

blessings to his heir apparent. Working with Al was everything and a whole lot more than I expected," Depp says. "It was a real treat and an honour. I learnt as much as I could but it's difficult to pick out specifics. I expected him to be very serious and not very loose and playful, but he wasn't like that at all. He was constantly making jokes and making people laugh."

The film's central relation-



Johnny Depp in his new film, Donnie Brasco, as the real-life FBI agent who went underground against the mob

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ship is between Joe Pistone, the real-life undercover FBI agent who adopted the identity of Donnie Brasco, a smalltime Florida jewel thief, and Lefty Ruggiero (Pacino), the lowly, embittered Mafia man who unwittingly vouches for him so that he gains access to the mob world.

Before starting filming. Depp spent months in preparation with Pistone, now 58 and retired from the FBI. Depp, Pistone says, was hardly what he expected. All I new about Johnny was what I'd read in the papers," he says. "You know, about him trashing hotel rooms and stuff. But we spent a lot of time together, we worked out together in the gym. I took him to the FBI academy in Virginia, and he wanted to know

everything. "He would even ring up my wife and ask questions. He kept saying, I want to make this right for you, you have to live with this film for the rest of your life and I want to do it justice'. And he did. He captured me to a T.

"He wouldn't even go to see a screening until I could go with him. Most actors wouldn't care, they would just

take the money and run. He's a lovely guy."

In the film Pistone makes a

close friend of Ruggiero, a man Pistone knows he must ultimately betray. "I spoke about that with Joe," says Depp. "He said that there is no way you can hang

around with someone for six years solid and not feel something for them. On the one hand you can hate them and despise them, but on the other you sort of love the guy.

"But it's wrong to say that Joe was betraying them. if he had been a Mafia guy from the

beginning and then turned on his friends and associates that would have been a betrayal. But the fact is that Joe came in as an FBI agent and he was just doing his job. "He made an enormous

sacrifice. He missed his children growing up, he faced the daily threat to his life, and he had to move his family constantly to protect them. He is maybe the strongest person I ever met in my life."

Donnie Brasco is, on the surface at least, Depp's most mainstream film since he crossed over from television where he played a cop in the hit 21 Jump Street - almost ten years ago. But it would be wrong to assume that he is

> those blockbuster scripts that drop, unsolicited, on the doormat of the \$3 million mansion he recently bought in the Hollywood Instead, he is

back in the editing suite finishing The Brave. a film which he co-wrote, directed and stars

in alongside Brando. A dark, brooding story of a young man involved in a snuff movie, The Brave is hardly going to be mainstream. "I've never seen a snuff

movie and I didn't want to," he says. "So when I made the film I tried to skirt around the idea of what he was actually going to be doing. So it's never really mentioned, but the audience kind of wonders about it. "The Brave was the most

it. It's way too much work for one person. You get up before anybody else and you go to bed later than anybody and when you are asleep you are dreaming about it. I don't know that I'll ever catch up on now about to start accepting some of the sleep I lost."

Born in Kentucky, the youngest of three children. Depp moved to Los Angeles in his teens with the hope of carving out a career in music, his first love, and he started acting to pay the bills. Then came 21 Jump Street, and he was suddenly splashed across the covers of teen magazines all

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never had much ambition. I never really wanted to be an actor and I never really wanted to be a director. I was a musician and I still am. This other stuff kind of happened."

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SCHOOLGIRLS IN UNIFORM A cast SCHOOLGAIRLS IN UNIVERNA" A desir of 18 women play leachers and students in a stage version of Christa Winsloe's Expressionist classic, Middlen in Uniform, Kelle Bright plays Manuels, Hildegard Neil ner comtorter Seen O'Connor directs. BAC Studio 1, Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223) Previews toraght, 7.30pm. Opens May 1, 7.50pm.

ELSEWHERE CHICHESTER: Siri O'Neal mislays her incriminating accessory in Richard

I BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Disney's film turned into a hit Broad musical Julie-Alanah Brighton and Alasdair Harvey as the leads, with support from the lives of Derek Griff and Norman Rossington. Unlike in the film, the Boast should stay the same see throughout. Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, WI (0171-418 6060) Now previewing, 7 30pm Opens May 14, 7pm. Then Mon-Sal. 7 30pm; mai Sal, 2 30pm. CITHE CRIPPLE OF RUSHMAAN-Set on a remote firsh site, with exceller playing (Ruschii Conroy as the young ompole), Martin McDornagh's second play has its faults but is lively and

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showing for Ayub Kiran-Din's enjoyable tamily drama, comic and senous, ser in 1970s Salford where a Pakistani petrianch vainly tries to bring up his ser. CI MASTIER CLASS, Parti LuPone recreates her Broadway staming role as Mana Catlas in Tempone McNelly's Tony-winning play where the great diva puts espiring opera singers through their pacas. Leonard Foglia directs. Cusen's, Shatlesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5040), Now previewing, Born. Opens May 6, 7pm Then Tue-Sal, Born mate Wed and Sat, 3pm. children according to ancestral tradition Royal Court Downstalins (Dulke of York's), St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-565 5000; Mon-Sat, 7:30pm; mats Sat, 3:30pm. Until May 24

THE FD: New American musical John Demosey and Dana P. Rowe, directed by Sem Mendes, John Barrowman plays an ambitious political candidate, and the excellent Kathryn Evans is his scheming mother. Donzaer Varehouse, Eartham Street,

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GURLDFORD: Penelope Keeth is a curious choice for the successful brothel-keeper in Mas Warren's Profession, but you never can tell Alan Strachan directs a nine-week lour Yeonne Arnauld, Millbrook (D1483 440000) Opens ronight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.45pm. Fit and Sat. 8pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Until May 10. Next in Sheffield and Richmond.

STOKE-ON-TRENT: Pelis Whelan sets his new play. Overture, on the outsiths of the Potienes, where a tectory owner buys a neglected country house and lines to find content through hearts. Takes Observed. Plant through beauty. Peter Cheeseman directs. New Victorie, Etnute Road, Newcestle-under-Lyme (01782 717962). Opens jonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs and Set, 7 30pm; Fri, 8pm. Until May 24. STRATFORD, Slobhan Redmond and Street Porto: Societal resemble and Peter Wight play the documed Historiumo and Beilimpena in the earliest. Exzelsethen revenge drama, Kyd's The Spenieth Tragedy. Michael Boyd directs this torerunner of Hamiet. Swan (01789 295623). Previews from tonight, 7 30pm. Opena May 7, 7pm. Then in rese

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Barking up a family tree

arina Carr's *Portia* Coughlan, which Dublin to the Royal Court, pulled us deep into the mind of a violent depressive, incestu-ously obsessed with her dead brother, in the process providing a marvellous tole for Derbhle Crotty. Carr's The Mai draws us into the family whose tree is helpfully published in the programme, and, though it has its sharp moments, the result is more spread out and less intense. After all, trees are trees, and it can be hard to see the trunk for

Mainly, the emphasis is on Mai. or the Mai as she is opens as her husband, Robert, returns to her lakehouse in central Ireland from a long. unexplained absence in America: when it ends, he is having an affair with a local woman. The problem is. Mai loves him and cannot bring herself to reject him. One of the play's points is that people find themselves deciding whether to put their spouses or their children first and, when they opt too strongly for the former, emotional disaster may ensue.

The point is reemphasised by the arrival of Myra Carter's Grandma Fraochlan, a

100-year-old exotic whose marbles and taste for opium are unhurt by time. She still mythologises her fisherman husband, and is still resented by her unloved, unlovable 75year-old daughter.

The troubles extend to the next generation, mainly represented by Judith Scott's Mai, and even to the next. By the close Mai's daughter, Millie, has acquired an illegitimate son — and what, given his author's mistrust of families, will his fate he?

I'm not revealing vital secrets. For one thing, The Mai does not generate great The Mai Tricycle

tension, and for another, it is presented in the once unconventional, now conventional form of the Irish memory play. This means that Diane O'Kelly's Millie spends a lot of time lently witnessing intimate exchanges from the living-room sidelines, occasionally coming forward to fill us in on events that might have been more deftly evoked.

Still, Nicolas Kent's cast has



Myra Carter as 100-year-old Grandma Fraochian in The Mai

Grandma has a nice line in hoarse farmyard squawks, and Angela Crow, playing the most damaged of her brood, an equally good one in wintry looks and frosty remarks. Scott's Mai does not get the chances Derbhle Crofty had last year, but she bestirs her emotional stumps for a big, angry run-in with Robert Gwilym, playing her somewhat underwritten husband. For that scene, at least, you believe families are as destructive as Marina Carr

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Fair to the middling

Wild cards may be sexier, but Joe Penhall's latest play is about hard workers. Jeremy Kingston met him

oe Penhall's first play, called Wild Turkey and set in a pizza bar, was shown in 1993 at the New Play Festival at the Old Red Lion. A year later Some Voices, where the schizophrenic hero starts to see horrors while cooking an omelette, was staged at the Theatre Upstairs and lauded for just about everything: emotional truth, balanced treatment of combatants, razor-sharp, elo-

quent writing. Then came Pale Horse. where the action was divided between a gangsterish South London club and Balham Common, where the clubowner found himself having to bury a murdered rival. Praised for its ability to create moods of rage and grief, the play came unstuck in the second half and was seen as an intriguing stage in Penhall's journey as a writer. His next play, the critics said, would be eagerly awaited, and here it is: Love and Understanding, starting previews today at the Bush Theatre.

Half the characters in Some Voices were finding difficulty adjusting to what the rest of society considered proper hu-man behaviour. In Pale Horse a wild girl beats a customer to death with a baseball bat. So does Love and Understanding come from the same mould of violence and fear?

"My plays always seem to revolve around two characters, one a straight man and one the misfit," Penhall says. In this play the misfit is Richie, who's left his job and gone off travelling. He gets lost in South America, and comes back with a taste for morphine to turn up on a schoolfriend's doorstep.

"This schoolfriend is now a doctor, very harassed, trying desperately to cling to his ideals, overworked, undernaid. Whereas Richie is very flippant and cynical and modern about everything. All he wants is to insinuate himself into his friend's house, take his money, seduce his girlfriend and get hold of drugs.

gorised. I like being able to

swap and choose between

directing, performing and composing, I enjoy all three,

and as long as I can juggle them, it's great."

What was his earliest stage

experience? "I was hopping

around inside my mother

when she was pregnant and

playing one of the nuns in an

amateur production of The

Sound of Music." He made a

more conventional sort of

debut in a staging of Carou-

"On a superficial level a lot of people are going to identify with this rogue, because he's funny and he's charming. But obviously on a deeper level there's a personal morality. If you work hard all your life and subscribe to a set of ideals. which this doctor does, it

shouldn't be laughed at. "Everyone identifies with the wild cards at the moment. It's sexy, it's cool, it gets the headlines. And there's certainly the trend in films to write very brutal, flip, ironic, not particularly emotionally truth-ful material, which is astoundingly funny, but there's just so much of it. So this new play turns on a sixpence. Little things, which don't have to be boring things. Style things, questions of sensibility. In Some Voices and Pale Horse there were very big, macro things, baseball bats and murder and fire, things that are easy to grasp. But to write drama about a new shower curtain is more challenging."

n his jeans, black T-shirt and leather jacket, it is easy to picture the 28year-old Penhall as he must have looked when he played in a rock'n'roll band ten years ago. I think it's disrespectful to compartmentalise people in terms of reactionary, wears a tie, goes to work and flip, louche, Byronic. There are a lot of people in between, particular-ly my friends. They're cool. they're funny, they're charis-matic, but they're also hardworking and moral. This middle ground isn't on show."

in the 1930s the documentary film-maker John Grierson wrote that behind all his films had been one idea: "That the ordinary affairs of people's lives are more dramatic and more vital than all the false excitements you can muster. If Penhall can succeed in showing the excitements of life in the middle ground, he will become a valuable playwright. ● Love and Understanding previews from tonight at the Bush Theatre (0181-743 3388)

GREAT BRITISH HOPES

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Joe Penhall: "My plays always seem to revolve around a straight man and a misfit"

Make it rich and snappy

ENFIELD-born pianist/composer Michael Garrick, shortto celebrate his 64th birthday, is extraordinarily prolific. Since entering music in the late 1950s, he has produced suites on everything from the works of Tolkien and Hardy to the marital troubles of the Royal Family, as well as a series of "Jazz Portraits" of inspirational figures. He has also produced a number of larger, more ambitious pieces such as the choral work Jazz Praises, performed in St Paul's Cathedral in 1968.

At the beginning of this concert, Garrick bounded on to the stage exuding keenness

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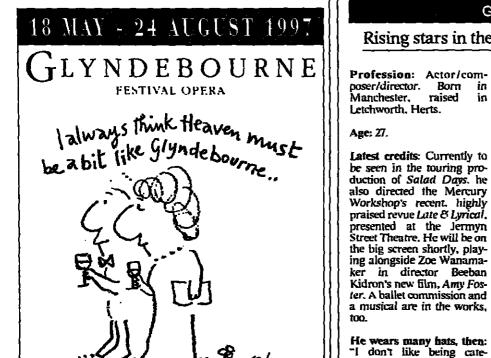
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and brisk efficiency. Leading a and brisk enticiency. Leading a 16-piece big band from the piano, he plunged straight into a rousing rendition of the first of the evening's numerous "Portraits". Good Times. dedicated to Lester Young. was immediately followed by the slow-building Swallows on the Water, inspired by the late West Indian saxophonist Joe

A snappy. Mingusian piece from Jazz Praises. Salvation March. introduced one of the evening's most memorable soloists, alto player Matt Wates, but the hub of the concert's first half was provided by a sensitive vocal performance by Jacqui Dankworth. Whether gliding through Garrick's swooning blues portrait of Ben Webster, or injecting powerful pathos into Ellington's Blues from Black, Brown and Beige, her smooth, warm voice provided an elegant centre for all the busy virtuosity around her.

As prominent in the concert's second half was Garrick's violinist son Chris, who performed with considerable plomb. If this rich evening's music had a fault, it was entirely unavoidable: Garrick's conducting duties pre-vented his showing off his distinctive piano playing.

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sel when he was five. He wrote his first musical, Letters, while at college, winning financial backing from impresario Cameron Mack-intosh.

Most exciting experience so far? Appearing at the Palla-dium as Motel the Tailor in Fiddler On The Roof with Topol, three years ago. "Just to be on the stage of the Palladium was amazing."

The shoestring budget of Late & Lyrical must have been quite a contrast: "it

was a challenge to have little more than a box and a tree to work with as a set. I was still involved with it when the Salad Days tour started: directing by telephone is What about the new show-

in-progress? A Life To Come based on short stories by E.M. Forster, "My original aim was to write a musical version of Maurice, but it was too difficult to get the rights. There's a gay element to the show, but I'm really attracted to the romanticism of the Edwardian era."

But can the young writers showcased in Late & Lyrical compete with the mega-musicals? "Yes, but it's going to take time, because the vast majority of coach parties want to see the blockbusters. I do recognise that the big wows are the audience-pullers - the West End musical hus never been so popular. Yet I can foresee the emergence of studio-type shows modelled on composers like Sondheim. I just wish that producers would see that too: most of them just don't want to take risks. I am optimistic, though."

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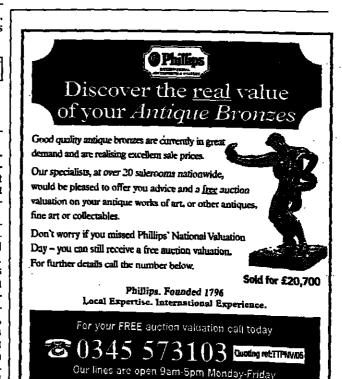
Dance, Ship in a Bottle unfold beautifully observed studies in disillusionment. Her training as an actress allows her to attack lyrics with an intensity which might otherwise he unbearably melodramatic. On her new album, A Wairing Heart, the lush orchestral arrangements can prove a distraction, but in concert Joel Silberman's cultured plano-playing formed the ideal foil, prodding her

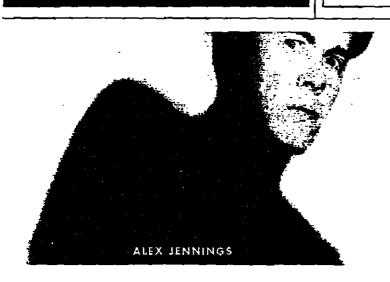
ever onwards. The countrified waltz. Errol Flynn, offered McBroom's touching memo-ries of her own father. David Bruce, a film actor destined always to be a supporting player. A superb medley flowed from the wide-eyed romance of the standard Teach Me Tonight — adorned

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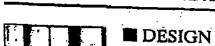
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composers' lives, or so we're told. And here was Peter Maxwell Davies on the podium with the Royal Philharmonic to prove it. Whether or not Davies uses the music name I cannot be sure, but he certainly knows his way around the original article.

Sibelius's method of achieving thematic unity out of fragments is nearly the re-verse of a favourite Davies compositional process: but another composer, of whatever hue is likely to bring insights to the interpretation of a work as tightly constructed as Sibelius's Seventh.

Davies's reading was most convincing in its realisation of the shape of the whole. It was less satisfying in its evocation atmosphere. Sibelius's textures are so detailed that decisions have constantly to be made about what is to be foreground and what background. There were times here when too much was jostling for attention.

Davies as composer was represented by a new work: a piccolo concerto receiving its London premiere, and skilfully played by Stewart McIlwham. The piccolo may have obvious limitations as a

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solo instrument, but Davies is not one to shirk a challenge What he does is to play with the stereotypical modes of the instrument, so that the military "pipe and drum" effect is hinted at near the beginning of the third movement, while the jaunty manner is recalled at the close of the first, but as through a veil.

A potentially comic partnership with the bass clarinet is also dignified when the two instruments engage in medita-tive dialogue in the second movement. The bass clarinet is better equipped for this mode than the piccolo, but finally even Davies's ingenuity - and McIlwham's versatility — is exhausted.

More predictable but not lacking in passion or warmth was the account of Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No I in G minor, with Tasmin Little

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Young at heart

THE difference between Berthold Goldschmidt's Violin Concerto and his Rondeau, which also features a solo violin, is not just the 40 years that elapsed between them. It is a matter of inspiration. Apart from a weak third movement, the concerto, in its revised version, is an accomplished and attractive work. The Rondeau, which was written for Chantal Juillet after Goldschmidt had heard her perform the concerto in 1994, is a little masterpiece.

It is encouraging to think of a composer in his nineties so moved by the playing of a young violinist - and, one imagines, her personality thing as fresh as the Rondeau. Cryptographically, it derives main theme from the musical letters in its subtitle, Rue du rocher, the street in Paris where Goldschmidt first thought of the piece over a meal with Juillet and Charles Dutoit. Essentially, it is about the sound and style of playing that inspired the piece, with its particularly eloquent passages of double-stopping and its

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mance of the Rondeau in its authentic form with chamber ensemble was an interesting occasion. The interpretation offered by Matthias Barnert with the Scottish Chamber Orchestra and Juillet in the Queen's Hall was less characterful than the composer's account shortly before his death last year, but it was more successful in integrating the sometimes awkward wind counterpoints and smoothing out the bumps in the scoring.

The Violin Concerto, which as almost persuasively performed in the same concert. might have been better if, having perceived that there was a weakness in the last of the three movements of the original version. Goldschmidt had cut it out and replaced it. Leaving it where it was and adding a new finale makes a substantial and impressive work of it, slightly flawed in its unflighty gigue though it might still be.

GERALD LARNER

Opposites attract The height of horticulture

ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney reports on Sir

Norman Foster's remarkable new tower of gardens

ondon may be saying no to Sir Norman Foster's vision of a soaring Millennium Tower. But Frankfurt has no such qualms. Foster's new Commerzbank headquarters. now virtually complete, al-ready rejoices in the title of Europe's tallest building. The big difference is that the Frankfurt tower is not twice as

high as its neighbours but only gently nudges past them. Designed with a brilliant engineer, Chris Wise of Ove Arup, it is good news for all those who toil in hermetically sealed office blocks. Foster's office of the future is a gigantic garden reaching 57 storeys into the sky, with spectacular views from every desk, and providing, at the press of a button, a gust of cool fresh air as invigorating as that through the windows of an

Alpine chalet. To the locals, Foster's Commerzbank building in downtown Frankfurt may look "no big deal". But inside it sets a standard which all must envy. "It all stems from one simple idea," says Uwe Nienstadt, Foster's man on the spot. Traditionally, skyscrapers have had a central core containing the lifts. Here Foster has placed the service cores in the three corners of an equilateral triangle leaving a soaring void in the middle. Stand in the centre of the

main lobby and look up, and you have the sensation of peering into the world's big-gest kaleidoscope: a 500ft verfical tube lit by the sky and broken into a myriad crystalline triangles. These are in fact glazing bars of three transparent smoke breaks and

the glass roof above. Foster's grand idea is the creation of a series of nine giant conservatory gardens in the sky, rising round the tower like the steps of a huge spiral staircase. The partner in charge Spencer de Grey, explains: "The whole aim was to avoid the endless repetitive

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Japanese artist Shihata

Zeshin at the Royal Museum

of Scotland. Zeshin is not a

household name in the way

that Hokusai or Utamaro are. for a very good reason: while they worked in colour wood-

blocks which were easily dis-

seminated throughout the

world, he is a master -

perhaps the supreme master

was very famous in his own

lifetime (1807-1891), and most

of his work has stayed in

Japan, despite the eagerness of

Or had, until Dr Nassen

Khalili came on the scene. Dr

Khalili is a collector of unique

determination, as those who

saw a trawl of his Ottoman

collection at the Brunei Gal-

lery last year will remember.

The result in this case is an

assembly of about 70 pieces in

Western connoisseurs.

of lacquer. Moreover, he

floors of the normal tower and create a village-like quality,

with 240 employees enjoying each garden."

Each garden is four storeys high and runs the length of one side. Wherever you sit you can see one above and one below. The huge outside windows of the gardens seem the size of Imax screens and provide vistas across the city.

The bank has put vending machines in all the gardens (perhaps not quite as Norman would have designed) and the broad edges of the planting beds are all at seat or bar height. In the world of the laptop and the mobile phone, I

> 6 The gardens will create the feeling of small villages 9

all day. Best of all is the intensely fresh scent as you enter, like walking into a country garden after the rain. Each garden is different - Mediterranean on the south. Asian on the east

and American on the west -

and planted in turn with

cypresses and olives, cedars,

would be tempted to work here

rhododendrons and bamboos. Commerzbank has rejected open plan in favour of a Scandinavian "combi" layout by which staff will sit in rooms with floor-to-ceiling glass partitions which allow people to see but not hear what goes on inside. Just 30 people will work on each side of each floor. That is an enjoyable grouping," says de Grey. The test comes when bank staff,

still apprehensive about aban-

doning traditional small of-

fices, move in next month.

The extraordinary sense of openness comes from the complete lack of internal columns. This is the super-scale engi-neering at which Foster excels. the successor to the giant coathanger trusses he used on his Hong Kong Bank. Here the weight of the spans is carried on huge square trusses with horizontal beams concealed within window seats. Each window pane is about twice as wide as usual in an office block, again reducing

the sense of being boxed in.

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The real fresh air fiend can also venture out onto the generous balconies outside the gardens, which have head-high glass balustrades to prevent vertigo. Here, however. the rushing mighty wind that greets you may be a deterrent. Given that the interior is so sensational, the outside is unexpectedly bland — though it has its beautiful moments, for example at sunset from across the river. Part of the reason is that Commerzbank

wanted to know the exact cost

before they sank the first pile into the Frankfurt clay, mindful of the fact that the chairman of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank asked Foster for the best office building in the world - and also got the most expensive. Commerzbank opted for an all-in fixed price contract (£200 million, compared with nearly £500 million in Hong Kong). Out went Foster's louvred panels and in came smooth replacements which have a clip-on look. The local planners also had strong views.
"They did not want a Miesian high-rise set back across a olaza: an American solution

they felt would be devoid of

people." says Nienstadt.

VISUAL ART: John Russell Taylor admires treasures from Japan and Italy

A big hand for the little people

The lacquered lid of a writing box made c 1860-70 by the

influential 19th-century Japanese artist, Shibata Zeshin

But what infinite riches in

the single gallery they now inhabit. In Japan, Zeshin is

regarded as a prime example

of that untranslatable quality

iki, which is rendered roughly

as "light and unconstrained,

gallant without being obsti-

nate, playful but never tire-

some, assertive but not

argumentative". in other

words, the man had style.

Again and again in this show

one can see the combination of

ease, inventiveness and total

discipline. The glamorous ma-

terials are employed with as-

tonishing economy, never flaunting themselves, to make

writing-boxes, purses, sake cups, fans and scrolls. Usually

the colours are subdued; occa-

sionally they flare up, as in the

teatray with a brilliant red

Presumably Zeshin's many

patrons wanted his work for

their own personal pleasure.

Cassiano dal Pozzo had

something more far-reaching

in view. He was an early 17th-

century Roman collector and

connoisseur. One of Poussin's

most important patrons and a

teapor on it.



Reflected glory: Foster's Commerzbank building in Frankfurt will open next month

Instead the planners insisted that at street level Foster built out to the old building line. Now there is a generous glass-roofed plaza open to the public, it contains a restaurant where works of art will be on show from local museums. An imaginative solution, in keeping with the whole project. Ten years ago I swore I would never work in a high-rise block again. Foster might just change my mind.

hesitant in embarking on a vast project in his Museo

Cartaceo, or Paper Museum.

He wanted to cover graphical-

ly as much as possible of the

world's assembled wisdom.

and since he was not able to

buy all the antiquities he needed for his scheme, he set a

group of mostly young artists

some of whom, such as Pietro

da Cortona, went on to later fame) to document in

drawings everything worth

knowing in the ancient and

drawings have found their

way into the Royal Collection

at Windsor, and from there

into a weird and wonderful

loan show at the National Gallery of Scotland. The tech-

nique is usually miniaturist,

even if the drawings them-

selves are large. Cassiano's

enterprise may be odd, but

you can't help admiring his

sense of purpose. And some

absolutely exquisite drawings

Shibata Zeshin is at the Royal Museum of Scotland, Chambers St. Edinburgh (0131-225 7534)

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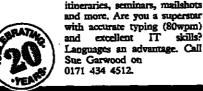
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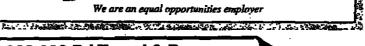
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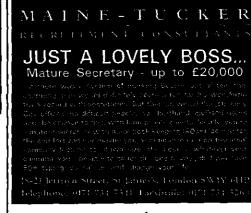
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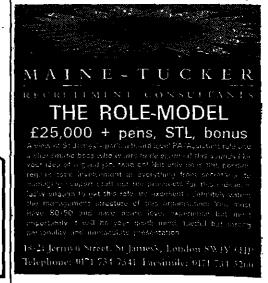
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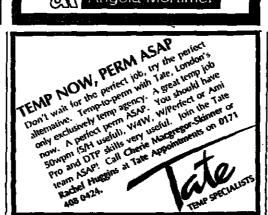
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EC rule not apt for citizen's spouse in UK

Sahota v Secretary of State for the Home Department Zeghraba v Same

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith. Lord Justice Otton and Lord

Justice Judge Judgment April 23 A person who was not a citizen of a member state of the European

Community but was married to a British citizen, was not entitled under Community law to the same rights of residence in the United Kingdom as those enjoyed by his spouse under UK law when they returned to live and work in the United Kingdom. The rights under Community

law were not to be elided or amalgamated with those which arose under domestic law within the territory of member states for their own nationals and spouses. National law continued to distinguish between British citizens with a right of abode and citizens of the Community exercising Community rights.

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the Sec-retary of State for the Home Department against a decision of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal dated May 8, 1996 that Sarabjit Singh Sahota was entitled to indefinite leave to remain in the UK, and dismissing an appeal by Mohammed Zeghraba against the dismissal by the Immigration Appeal Tribunal dated June 7, 1996 of his appeal against the Home Secretary's refusal of indefinite

main in the UK. Article 4.4 of Council Directive of October 15, 1968 on the abolition of restrictions on movement and residence within the Community for workers of member states and their families (68/360/EEC) (OJ Special English Edition 1968 (II) p485) as last amended by Dec 95/1/EC (OJ 1995 L1/1) provides:

"A member of the family who is not a national of a member state shall be issued with a residence document which shall have the same validity as that issued to the worker on whom he is dependent."

Mr Richard Plender, QC, for the secretary of state; Mr Peter Duffy for Mr Sahota and Mr Zeghraba.

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that Amarjit Kaur Sahota and Maria Zeghraba, the wives of the two applicants, were British citizens with right of abode in the UK and citizens of the European

In 1989 Mrs Sahota went to live in Germany exercising her rights under article 48 the EC Treaty. In 1990, when she married her husband, an Indian citizen, they were both lawfully resident and working in Germany. Mr and Mrs Sahora returned to

the UK in April 1994. He had no entry clearance and was given leave to enter as a visitor for six months with a prohibition against taking employment.
In August he applied for indeli-

nite leave to remain on the basis that his wife was exercising her European Community rights. The application was refused and instead he was issued with a residence document valid until November 1999 with no limitations against taking employment in the United Kingdom.

The adjudicator refused Mr Sahota's appeal but the Immigration Appeal Tribunal allowed the

appeal. Mr Zeghraba, an Algerian citizen, had an unclear and chequered history of visits to the UK. In July 1991 he was arrested by the immigration authorities and

married to an Irish citizen. He was returned to Algeria but came back to the UK using a false passport. In June 1992 he married

in the UK under Islamic law and in August was again removed to

His wife went with him and their marriage was registered in November 1992 but he was refused entry clearance to return to the UK on the basis that the marriage might have been entered into for the primary purpose of achieving entry to the UK.

Having re-entered the UK in circumstances which remained obscure Mr and Mrs Zeghraba moved to the Irish Republic. They neturned to the UK in January 1994 and she started working.

He then applied for indefinite leave to remain in the UK as the husband of an EC worker exercising her right of free movement. The application was refused and his appeals to the adjudicator and Immigration Appeal Tri-

bunal failed. Mr Plender insisted that the national scheme and the Com-munity provisions were two distinct schemes rather than a single scheme combining the features of both national and Community

Mr Duffy submitted that article 4.4 provided the appellants with entitlement to exactly the same rights as those enjoyed by their spouses, which represented an amalgam of those provided by mity and national law.

His Lordship said that each national of every member state was a Community citizen entitled to move freely, and to reside and work wherever he wished in the Community. That fundamental right was secured by a series of

Unless normal family life could be enjoyed by each citizen wherever he was living in the Community the principle of free movement would be seriously

working spouses, whether or not themselves nationals of any member state, were entitled to accompany their spouses.

As the recitals showed, the purpose of Directive 68/360 was to ensure that the arrangements for workers in other member states, together with their accompanying families, should be brought into line with those which applied to nationals of the state in which they

were working. Nothing in the recitals suggested that the Directive was expressly concerned with the rights and entitlements of workers while they were working in the member states of which they were nationals.

Article 4.4 was critical to the success of the applicants' cases. Directly enforceable rights were created irrespective whether or not the appropriate residence docu-ment had been issued.

It was concerned with the position of family members, including the accompanying spouse, who was not a national of a member state, and the entitlement of such spouses to reside in the member state of which the working spouse was not a national and to be provided with appropriate docu-ments granting similar permission to reside as the residence permit granted to the working spouse

Entry documents were not in dation in article 4.4. for effecting entry, passports, identity cards and so on, and those required for residence purposes, permits or residence docuaccordance with their function.

As the applicants' claims were based on Community law it was unnecessary to investigate domes-tic law in detail. The right of abode enjoyed by Mrs Sahota and Mrs Zeghraba exempted them from the

entry to the UK. They were entitled to live here and to return if they had travelled or lived and worker abroad. They could not be de-

However, their spouses did not on marriage automatically become entitled to identical rights. For example their entry into the UK was subject to immigration control and in certain circumstances an order for their deportation could

Mr Duffy said the applicants were entitled to indefinite leave to remain in the UK, an unlimited right to reside, as a matter of Community law. His Lordship said that was not an entitlement envisaged by any relevant Com-munity regulation or directive, and would not be immediately available to every citizen of the Community entering the UK nor indeed for his spouse.

The privilege would be confined British citizens and their spouses. If Mr Duffys argument were correct it would follow that the entitlement available to nationals of any other member state and their spouses would as a maner of Community law, and in particular article 4.4 be different available to the applicants.

In his Lordship's judgment that would involve discriminatory distinction in Community law against citizens of member states other than the UK by granting a privilege in the UK to UK citizens not enjoyed by other citizens of member states entering the UK in exercise of identical rights of free movement. Such discriminatory consequences were unacceptable

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor: Edward McCourt & Co, Watford.

Excise Before Sir Richard Scott. Vice-Chancellor. Lord Justice Hobbouse and Lord Justice

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Rosgill Group Ltd v Commis-

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in a "party-plan" sale where the hostess could buy goods at a discounted price in consideration for the services she provided in holding the party, value-added tax was chargeable on the full listed price of the goods rather than the discounted price.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the plain-nff. Rosgill Group Ltd, from the dismissal by the Manchester Value Added Tax and Duties Tribunal on Commissioners of Customs and Excise. Section 10 of the Value Added

Tax Act 1983 provides: (2) If the supply is for a consideration in money its value shall be taken to be such amount as, with the addition of the tax chargeable, is equal to (3) If the supply is for a consideration not consisting or not

wholly consisting of money its value shall be taken to be such amount in money as, with the addition of the tax chargeable, is equivalent to the consideration." Mr Andrew Park, QC and Mr Hugh McKay for Rosgill: Mr Stephen Richards for the

LORD JUSTICE MORRITT said that at a party held in the home of Mrs Leaver, orders for clothing to be supplied by Rosgill at an aggregate price of £66.98 were placed by those present.

As the hostess Mrs Leaver thereby became entitled to either a cash commission of \$2.59 or a discount of \$7.23 off the list prices for clothing offered for sale. She chose the discount and ordered a blouse for which the list

price was \$27.99. She was invoiced for £27.99, credited with £7.23 and required to pay the balance of 20.76. It was agreed that the cost of the blouse to Rosgill was 58. Rosgill contended that the only eration for the blouse was £20.76 and that VAT was payable only on that sum. The commismers contended that the consideration for the blouse included the services supplied by Mrs Leaver in holding the party in her home and

the amount of the discount she chose, namely £7.23 and that VAT was payable on the total, £27.99,

It was common ground that decisions of the European Court of Justice established that the word consideration" had to be approached as a matter of European w, namely whether there was a direct link between the relevant supply and that which was alleged to be consideration for it.

Such consideration had to be capable of being expressed in money and was to be assessed at its subjective value, that was its alue to the recipient rather than by reference to objective criteria; see article 11 of the European Community Sixth Council Directive (77/388/EEC) (OJ 1977 L145/1) and Case No 154/80 Staatsvan Financiën v Cooperatieve Aardappelenbewaarplaats GA ([1981] ÉCR 445).

Rosgill submitted that there was no direct link between the services of Mrs Leaver in holding the party and the supply of the blouse to her because, although she could not have been entitled to any com-mission or discount but for holding the party, the amount of the commission or discount depende entirely on how much, if anything, was bought at the party.

His Lordship could not accept that argument. It was correct that there had to be a direct link but that requirement did not exclude the possibility that other links were necessary as well. That point was clearly made by the European Court of Justice in Case No C-33/93 Empire Stores Ltd v Commis sioners of Customs and Excise (1994) STC 623).

That case concerned the provision of a free gift to anyone who introduced a new customer who bought something from the store's l-order catalogue.

It was true that Mrs Leaver's commission or discount depended on whether anything and how much was bought by the other customers whereas in Empire Stores the value of the free gift was not similarly variable. But the existence of a further condition as to value was no ground for distinguishing Empire Stores. It was clear that there was a direct link between the supply of the blouse, the services of Mrs Leaver and her entitlement to the com-

mission or discount. Accordingly, the question arose whether the consideration was

of discounted goods Rosgill submitted that as the blouse, for which Mrs Leaver paid £20.76 in cash, only cost Rosgill £8. the services which she supplied cost Rosgill nothing. cost Kosgui noming.
His Lordship considered para-

graphs 17, 18 and 19 of Empire Stores and Case No 230/87 Naturally Yours Cosmetics Ltd v Customs and Excise Commissioners (1988) ECR 6365) and held that as in the present case the parties had attributed a value to the consideration for the services the cost of the blouse to Rosgill was immaterial.

The services were part of the consideration for the blouse and the parties attributed values to those services. The question was which of those two values should

Rosgill contended that the only value which could be taken was the cash sum Rosgill was prepared to pay, namely £2.89. His Lordship did not agree. That was not the value the

parties put on the services in the events which happened, namely the choice by Mrs Leaver of a discount off the price of the blouse she wanted to buy rather than the payment of a cash commission.

To take as the measure of value of the services the amount attributed to an alternative which was not chosen would not only fail properly to apply the principle expressed in Naturally Yours Cosmetics but would provide too ready a means for the artificial reduction of the value of the consideration.

The commercial substance of the agreement between Mrs Leaver and Rosgill was that she would be remunerated for her services in holding the party in her home in one of two alternative ways to be uantified by the application of a formula to the value of the goods bought by those attending.

One alternative, the cash commission, would have no VAT consequences. The other did because the blouse was supplied in consideration of the payment of £20.76 in cash and the remuneration for Mrs Leaver's services quantified by the appropriate for-mula at £7.23. VAT was chargeable on £27.99.

The Vice-Chancellor and Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered concurring judgments. Solicitors: Shakespeares,

Employer liable for failing to check drivers' records

Wing v Nuttall

Before Lord Justice McCowan and Judgment April 15

An employer who failed to make checks on the tachograph charts in order to confirm that drivers were complying with the relevant legal requirements was guilty of such reckless behaviour that knowledge of the contraventions would be implied.

Because article 15 of Council Regulation EEC/3820/85. of December 20. 1985 on the harmonisation of certain social legislation relating to road transport (OJ 1985 L370 po) referred to article 14 of Council Regulation EEC/3821/85, of December 20, 1985 on recording equipment in road transport (OJ 1985 L370 pl0) they should be read together, thus imposing a duty on employers to check the tachograph charts from

ne to time for compliance. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so stated when allowing an appeal by case stated by the Department of Transport Vehicle inspectorate from the acquittal by Leyland Justices on June 4, 1996, of the defendant. Shane Raymond Nuttall, trading as Redline Coaches, of charges under section

Regina v Governor of

Swaledale Prison, Ex parte

Before Lord Justice Simon Brown

Where a person had been sen-

tenced on different occasions to

terms of imprisonment that were

ordered to run consecutively they

were to be counted as a single term

for calculating the date of his

The Queen's Bench Divisional

Court so held in refusing the application of France Louis Francois for judicial review by way of a

declaration that he should be

released from prison on January 30, 1997 rather than in accordance

with the prison service's decision

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Engenie O'Hana Detroped PURSUANT to the Trustee Act 1925, section 27.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

and Mr Justice Curtis

Judgment March 26)

release on licence.

96(IIA) of the Transport Act 1968, as inserted by section 4 of and paragraph 9(2)(a) of Schedule 4 to the European Communities Act 1972 and amended by section Z(I)(c), (e) and (f) the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976, and regulation 2 of the Community Drivers' Hours and

Recording Equipment Regulations

(SI 1986 No 1457). Mr Paul O'Brien for the prosecution: Mr Mark Laprell for

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that coach drivers employed by the defendant had been driving longer hours than permitted by the regulations. They did keep records of their journeys by way of tachograph charts which were returned to the employer and which would, if examined, have

revealed the breaches. However, the employer had never examined the tachographs. and the prosecution submitted that that failure was a reckless "shutting of the eyes" bordering on negligence which was sufficient to

amount to implied knowledge. The defendant had contended that article 14 of Council Regulation EEC/3821/85 did not impose a duty to examine the charts, merely

Two sentences to count as one

that he should be released on May 6, 1997.

The applicant had received sen-

tences from different courts which

were consecutive. The prison

authorities treated that as creating

single term which was of sufficient

length to make him a long-term

prisoner whose right to release on

licence arose after serving two

thirds of his sentence. He would

otherwise have been a short-term

Mr Robin Allen, OC and Mr

Martin Soorjoo for the applicant;

Mr Stephen Richards and Mr

Steven Kovats for the prison

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after serving half his sentence.

to keep them for 12 months so that they could be examined by the

authorities on request. He argued that in the absence of any evidence that breaches were occurring, there was no reason why the employer should check the tachograph charts so that foilure to do so could not amount to implied knowledge acquired through reck-

His Lordship said that article 15 of Council Regulation EEC/3820/85, which required periodic checks to ensure compliance with all the provisions, referred to both EEC/3820/85, on drivers' hours, and EEC/3821/85, on tachographs. That meant the regulations should be read together so that periodic checks on the tachograph charts were required. Drivers were well known to exceed permitted hours; the employer's failure to check the charts did amounted to a reckless shutting of the eyes" to what was

occurring Accordingly the matter would be remitted to the justices with a direction to convict.

Lord Justice McCowan agreed. Solicitors: Dooley & Co, Backhouses. Liverpool:

of Brockhill Prison. Ex parte

Évans ([1997] 2 WLR 236. 250) it

was clearly spelt out that where a

consecutive sentence had been

imposed on a different occasion, it

gave rise to a single term. Counsel

for the applicant submitted that

His Lordship had not the least

doubt that Ex parte Evans did

decide the present case. That passage could be shown on analy-

sis to constitute part of the ratio

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Mr Justice Curtis agreed.

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Court cannot validate action ended by dissolution

In re Philip Powis Ltd Before Sir John Knox

Judgment April 25 Where a company was dissolved all proceedings by or against it came to a permanent end. The court had no jurisdiction, when making an order under section 651 of the Companies Act 1985, to undo the abatement of an action started before the company's dissolution by adding terms validating such

Sir John Knox, sitting as a judge of the High Court, so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division declining to make an order under section 651 of the 1985 Act as amended by section 141 of the Companies Act 1989, on the application of Robert Harrison, a potential creditor of the company. Sun Alliance, the insurers of the company, opposed the application.

Mr Andrew de la Rosa for the company; Mr Philip Flower for Sun Alliance. HIS LORDSHIP said that Mr Harrison was a former employee of the company who had sustained a back injury in the course of his employment. On February 25, 1988, just three days before the end

years from the date of the accident. he issued his writ claiming damages for personal injuries against he company. The company's insurers, Sun Alliance, paid £5,000 into court on May 14, 1993. The company went into voluntary liquidation on March 13, 1995 and was dissolved on September 7, 1995, being fully

of the limitation period of three

solvent when it was dissolved. Section o51 of the 1985 Act, as amended, provides: "(I) Where a company has been dissolved, the court may ... make an order, on such terms as the court thinks fit, declaring the dissolution to have been void.

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NOTICE IS EXECUT GIVEN that the capital of Cobes Sports Limited was by virtue of a Special Resolution and with the sanction of an Order of the High Court of Justice dated the Life April 1997 reduced from

the previous sentence upon the "(2) Thereupon such proceedings may be taken as might have been taken if the company had not been Solicitors: Breeze Benton & Co: It was settled as a result of

Morris v Harris ([1927] AC 252) that an order declaring the dissolution of a company to have been oid, did not affect the invalidity of proceedings initiated during the interval between the dissolution and its avoidance

But the question here was whether the court had jurisdiction to validate proceedings which had been started before the company's dissolution. His Lordship reached the conclusion that there was no such jurisdiction.

He analysed Morris v Harris and also Foster Yates & Thom Ltd v H. W. Edgehill Equipment Ltd ((1978) 122 Sol J 860; CA Transcript No 800 of 1978, a decision of the Court of Appeal was binding on

It was clear that when a corporate body was dissolved all proceedings in relation to it came to a permanent end; they did not just go into abeyance. Mr de la Rosa sought to use the

words of the section "on such terms as the court thinks fit" to get round that obstacle. But a subsequent court order could not undo something that had already happened. Explicit legislative authority would be needed to allow the court subsequently to restore to life that which had come to a permanent end and to validate actions by and

against the company not-withstanding the dissolution. Nor did In re Townreach Ltd [1995] Ch 28) decide the contrary. Accordingly, the court had no jurisdiction to undo the abatement of Mr Harrison's action that occurred when the company was

dissolved. The second issue was whether the court should exercise its jurisdiction to declare the company's dissolution void and restore the company to the register so as to allow new proceedings to be begun

Such a new action would now be prima facie time-barred. His Lordship considered section 33 of the Limitation Act 1980, Walkley v Precison Forgings Ltd (1979) 1 WLR 606) and In re Workvale (No 2) ([1991] BCLC 531) and decided in all the circumstances not to exercise his discretion so as to

exclude the time limit.

Accordingly his Lordship refused to declare that the diss tion of the company on September Harrison's action commenced on February 25 1988 should be deemed to be valid and continuing in existence.

Solicitors: Jonathan Hatton, Daventry: Ironsides Ray & Vials,

Discretionary remedy not a judgment on merits

Mullen v Conoco Ltd Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord Justice Hobhouse and Lord Justice

[Judgment April 23] The refusal by a deputy High Court master of a detendant's application to set aside a default judgment was an exercise of discretion and was a decision whether to grant a discretionary remedy. As such it was not a determination of the issues so as to found a plea of res judicata by the plaintiff in a subsequent

counterclaim. The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff. Michael Mullen, from a decision of Judge Urguhart in Southport County Court on November 3, 1995 striking out with costs his claim against Conoco Ltd on the ground that its substance had already been decided in previous proceedings brought by Conoco against Mr

Mr Colin Challenger for the plaintiff; Mr Geoffrey Gelbart for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said Conoco had obtained summary judgment in default against Mr Mullen in March 1994 in proceed-

ings for unpaid petrol bills. In February 1995 Mr Mullen had sought unsuccessfully to have the iudement set aside under Order 13. rule 9 of the Rules of the Supreme

ings against Conoco claiming that their contract with him was so unfair and one-sided as to be unenforceable.

Conoco had applied to have those proceedings struck out as an abuse of process on the ground that the issues had already been decided at the hearing of the Order 13 application. The district judge had allowed the application in part and Judge Urquhart on appeal had ordered that Mr Mullen's entire claim be struck out.

The issue on appeal was whether Mr Mullen was debarred from bringing his action by the previous decision. He would be barred if the same issues had been decided or if the issues could and should have been raised and it would be wrong to allow him to raise them now.

His Lordship noted that the court's power to set aside a default judgment under Order 13. rule 9 was discretionary. If the court's

then it was difficult to say that any issue had been decided by the

court's ruling. The circumstances in which an interlocutory ruling could give rise lematic. It might be a sine qua non of the power to set aside that it should be shown that the defendant had a prospect of success but the decision itself might be based at least partially on discretionary

There might be cases under Order 13, rule 9 where a decision. was so clear as to give rise to legal or discretionary grounds for bar-ring a future action. His Lordship found the possibility difficult to

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE said that a decision under Order 13, rule 9 was not a determination of issues. It was merely the exercise of a discretion and a decision whether or not to grant a dis-

cretionary remedy. It was not of the same character as a decision on summary judg-ment under Order 14.

Lord Justice Hutchison delivered a concurring judgment. Solicitors: Nyland & Beattie.

Widnes: Braby & Waller. When legal aid is required

Regina v Gravesham Magistrates' Court, Ex parte Baker It was in the interests of justice that a defendant who admitted driving with excess alcohol should have legal aid when arguing that she had a special reason not to be disqualified because her drink had en laced.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice McCowan and Mr Justice Popplewell) so held on April lo. allowing an application Tracy Baker for judicial review

and for representation. LORD JUSTICE McCOWAN said that the applicant had raised no defence to driving with excess

drink had been laced. It seemed to his Lordship that in most such cases an expert witness was required to give an opinion on

alcohol, contrary to section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, but wished to argue that she had a special reason not to be disqualified as her

grant legal aid to instruct an expert drink had not been laced. The justices had said that an order could be made for payment out of central funds but that assumed that an expert would be happy to

advise on a speculative basis. if unrepresented, the applicant would need to find witnesses to the lacing of the drink and examine them in court herself, which would not be easy. It would not only be to the benefit of the applicant, but to the benefit of the court if legal aid

Consent not required for binding over

Regina v Lincoln Crown Court, Ex parte Jude (David Andrew)

Before Lord Justice Auld and Mr Justice Brian Smedley

(Judgment April 17 When a court intended to make a binding over order against a required that he be given an opportunity to make representa-tions about it, the court was not also required to seek that person's

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in a reserved judgment when considering an application for judicial review of the order of Judge Benson at Lincoln Crown Court binding the The application was granted on a different ground.

of certain prosecution witness the trial could not take place. The judge ordered the indictment to lie on the life and

He gave the applicant's counsel an opportunity to make submissions on the applicant's behalf but did not seek the applicant's consent to the order.

stances of that case and quoted

from the judgments of Mr Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Taylor, both of which stated in terms that the consent of the defendant to a bindover order must be obtained.

nity to be heard but an alternative

court in that case had been referred to R v Woking Justices, Ex parte Gossage ([1973] | QB 448). and had had to consider the issue of consent in the sharper focus that it had been given in the present case, he believed that Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice McCowan would not have expressed themselves in such general terms.

First, they would have acknowledged that the case before them was an untypical bindover of defendants and that normally the law did not require defendants to give consent or be warned; and second, they would have spoken of consent and warning disjunctively rather than conjunctively as requirements for an order in such an untypical defendant case and generally for complainants and

That was how his Lordship considered the law to be and his Lordship respectfully disagreed with the judgments in Ankerson to the extent that they suggested the contrary.

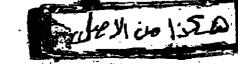
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His Lordship said that neither The applicant sought judicial the Justices of the Peace Act of 1361 review of the order on the ground, inter alia, that the judge's order nor of 1968, from which the power to make a binding over order derived, said anything about required the applicant's consent. and he did not give it. Mr Richard Clayton for the It was difficult to identify any applicant: the respondent did not logical basis for effectively removappear and was not represented. ing the court's 1361 power to LORD JUSTICE AULD said require persons to keep the peace consent before making the order. that in making binding over orders, the courts had appeared, in an otherwise appropriate case by making its exercise conditional until the case of R v South Molton on the person concerned's consent. Justices, Ex parte Ankerson (1989)
1 WLR 40) to confine the role of It was equally difficult to see any sensible basis for combining such a condition with the undoubted consent to that of relieving the obligation which existed in certain court of the obligation to hear and determine the information or comcircumstances to provide the perplaint before it and/or of its son with an opportunity to make obligation, which existed only in representations against the order. certain circumstances, to provide If his consent were required there The applicant had appeare before the judge on a charge of affray to which he had pleaded not guilty. Owing to the unavailability the person concerned with an would be no point in providing him with that opportunity.
It was not apparent from the opportunity to make representations against it. report of Ankerson whether coun-However, in Ankerson, the Disel for the justices had argued that consent, if given, was not an additional requirement to that of giving the defendants an opporturisional Court had held, seemingly as a generality, that consent was one of several cumulative prerequisites of a binding over order. His Lordship set out the circum indicated that he proposed to bind



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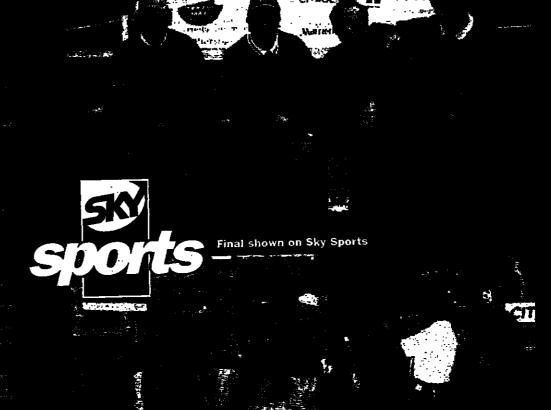












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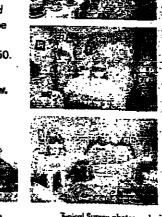
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Sarah Harding and family tried moving themselves, Kevin Eason hired the professionals. Either way, it's stressful

Moving from hell to heaven

have moved home twice in the past four months, Sarah Harding writes. The pre-election property boom meant selling the London flat, moving everything into nearby storage, and, a few months later, out of storage into a house.

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MPs due to wave farewell to the constituency, beware. For us, the first move - comprising husband, brother and man with small van - was sheer hell: the second - using professional removers — pure heaven.

Though we were prepared to spend thousands on a new house, more thousands on damp treatment, yet more on plasterers and paint, we balked at the odd £500 for professional removal men. (After

all, they might be cowboys.) Yet nothing can compare with that filthy day of stairclimbing, weight-lifting and flexibility otherwise required only at county sport level. Left (more than happy) holding the baby. I witnessed the initial light-hearted badinage between the men descend into a moroseness that at the end of the day left them barely able to grunt.

It started so well. A hearty fried breakfast for three at 9am, a cursory glance at the packed boxes, a few jokes about the flights of stairs (we lived in a top flat).

But, as we were to discover, the only cowboys in this process were ourselves. We had too few men, too small a van and too much to move. Even the storage space we had booked proved too small and had to be increased. Furthermore, most of it lay still unpacked around us.

Such was our self-deception that a seemingly empty flat still contained enough stuff -

washing-up brushes, sheets, the day's newspaper, wastepaper bins -- to fill another 14 plastic bags.

And it was all so heavy. We had not yet learnt that you reserve the smallest boxes for books, for example, let alone that you don't stack the china at the bottom of the suitcase.

Then there was the piano. Professional piano movers? Not at £150!" we said.) So doors were prised off hinges. windows flung open wide and taken out. In the event the outside fire escape was used for a support as the swinging £3,000 piano was carefully hoisted down from upstairs sitting-room window to a waiting brother, arms outstretched, in the garden.

The transporting of the goods was the easy bit. At the other end, the mental effort required to work out how to fill to maximum a storage unit from floor to ceiling and from wall to wall took more time than wrapping the contents of the kitchen cupboards. Beds in first, then sturdy tables, fragile objects on top, and finally all those plastic bags usefully used to squash into the nooks

It took 12 hours in all: 9am to 9pm. Cost: £12 an hour for the van, pocket money to my brother, £2.50 or £3 plus VAT each for new storage boxes, £1.50 plus VAT for the tape to bind them. Back-of-an-envelope total: £220 plus three takeaway dinners and a case of beers.

It came as no surprise to hear my husband sigh, "Never

Three months later, we met a man in a suit from Pickfords. who politely asked to see our storage cubicles so that he



Moving is rarely as enjoyable as in the film Helzapoppin!, as Sarah Harding found out

HOW TO MAKE MOVING EASIER

The British Association of Removers (BAR) can provide details of member companies, some of which are listed in the Yellow Pages. The association provides a guide for those about to move. Advice includes:

 Avoid moving on a Friday. Everybody moves on a Friday which is why it is harder to move and can cost more on that day.

 Always insure for total peace of mind but remember that your insurance will not cover

items that you have packed yourself. • If there are parking restrictions at your new house, warn the remover. A removal

van needs 50ft for parking. • Give the foreman a spare key. The van often arrives at the new home before the owner and waiting time will cost more.

BAR at 3 Churchill Court, 58 Station Road, North Harrow HA2 7SA; tel: 0181-861 3331, fax: 0181-861 3332.

could check what sort of objects they contained, whether they were heavy or awkwardly shaped. And, at the new house, he checked how many flights of steps it had and then worked out what size of van and what number of men he would need. He quoted us £580.80 in-

cluding VAT. We asked for a reduction, and he took £20 off for the move's scant mileage. He also deducted the insurance (£43). It would be difficult to ascertain whether damage had occurred in storage or in transit, he said.

Four men managed the move in four hours. By mid-

tidy box filed into the house. All the random objects umbrella stand, Spanish urn, shoe rack, 4ft-high dried bayleaf tree (which we had awkwardly rammed into the storage and hurriedly shut the

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Even their humour brightened potentially black moments. "See you have woodworm, guv," they cheerily announced brandishing a Chesterton sofa leg which had dissolved into powder while in storage. "Spreads like wildfire, you know."

For us, the only thing spreading that day was a cosy feeling of well-being. My hus-band monitored proceedings or, rather, floated around indicating suitable sites for boxes; I went to the gym, and my brother ensured he was nowhere to be seen.

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BUYERS had been found and lost with such regularity that The case we had given up all hope of moving house - ever, Kevin Eason writes. After a year, we found someone who really did want to move in to our detached house in Warwickshire - but immediately. We rented a four-bedroom house in St Albans until we could vendor find somewhere to buy. But the house was furnished,

which meant putting our furniture into store. To this day, Mrs Eason, who was in charge of logistics, assures me that there was a system. The only people who didn't seem to know anything about it were me and our cheery team of removal men, who were apparently oblivious to all instruction, their

only mission to get their job over as quickly as possible. The removal men were to

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fill two-thirds of the pantechnicon with furniture and boxes for store, the other third with the things we would need, mainly clothes in clearly labelled boxes.

When the van had gone and I retreated to the shower to get ready to treat everyone to a post-removal meal, the flaw in the plan emerged. I, alone in the family, had no clothes. Not even a clean sock.

This was Saturday night. I had to be in the office on Monday and all I had were the tatty T-shirt, jeans and trainers I stood up in.

Wondrously, the family's only response to this crisis was to giggle, but then, they were all dressed beautifully for the restaurant that evening as I shuffled in embarrassment from one Nike-shod foot to the other.

On Sunday morning I went to Bhs, the only store open. and buying pants knickers, socks and shirts, tried desperately to put enough clothing together to make a working wardrobe until I could get to my clothes 80 miles away in

Rugby.
A week later I went to the storage firm, and one of our removal team said, without a hint of irony: "Is that a new

Katherine Bergen on properties in London for MPs

Close to the seats of power

JONATHAN AITKEN lives in Lord North Street, Lord Strathclyde, chief whip in the Lords, in Cowley Street, and both Michael Portillo and John Patten within a whisker of Westminster Cathedral. There is property, at a price, for politicians who want to live in the "Division Bell" area traditionally eight minutes' walk from the Lobby.

Three Georgian houses within metres of Parliament Square are being renovated for sale in Old Queen Street just off Parliament Square.

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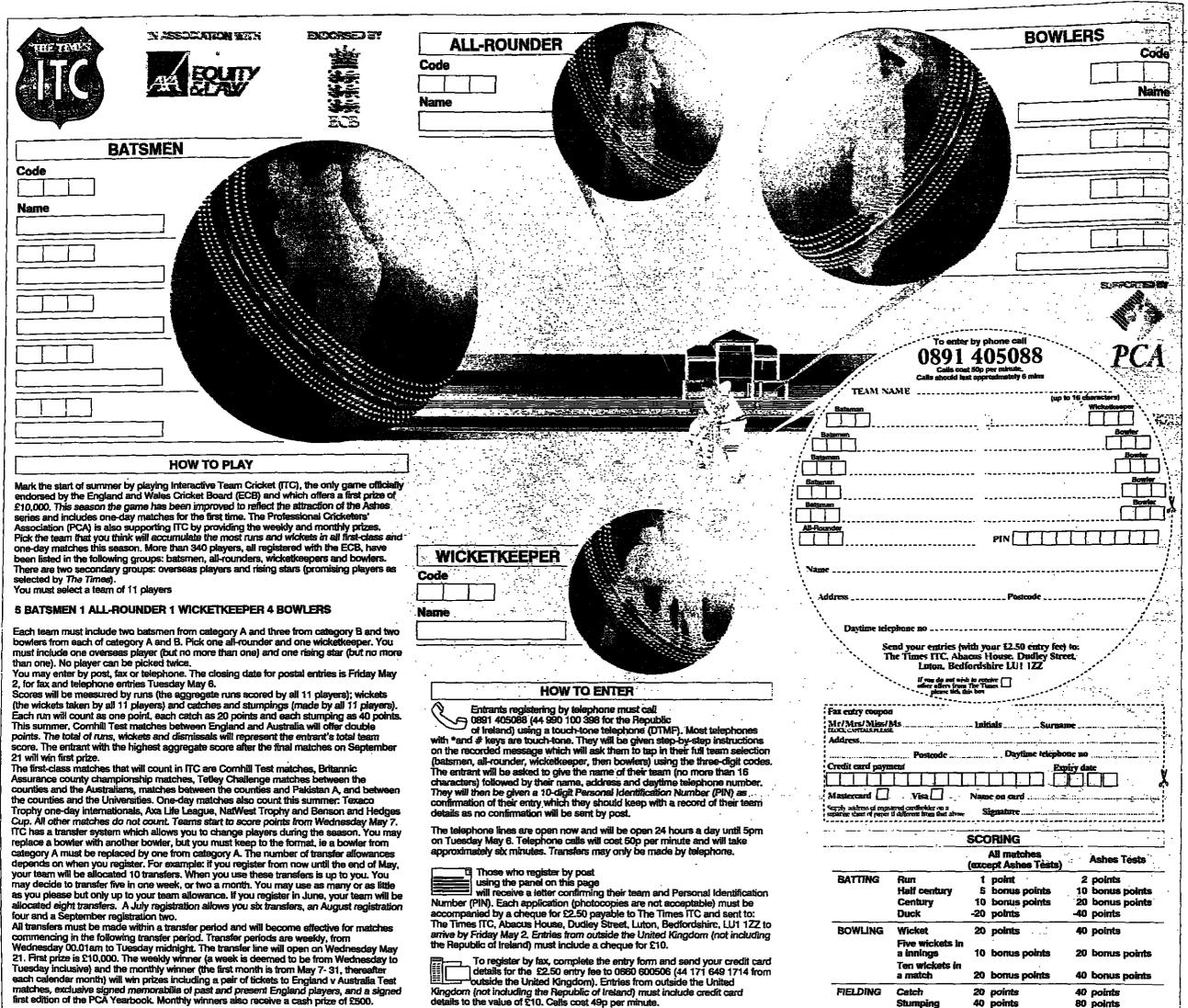
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Brown believes McAllister can make the difference

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN GOTHENBURG

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THE late arrival is always the last to leave. A principle that holds true for parties seems to apply to football as well. This evening, against Sweden in the Ullevi Stadium, Gary McAllister will win his fiftieth cap for Scotland, but he is in no mood to depart or to lapse into rocking-chair reminiscence about the good times of

If the beginning of his international career was delayed. McAllister is intent on deferring its conclusion, too. McAllister, 32, was not picked for any match at Italia 90 and is, therefore, eager, as captain, to shepherd the present Scotland team towards France so that, next year, he can play in the World Cup finals for the Scotland manager, finds in

In discussion of his endangered club, Coventry City, it is evident that diligence, selfinterest and patriotism have all fused together. "I have three years of my contract left," he said, "and, if Coventry can retain their premier division status, then I think I'll be good enough to keep going. You've got to be playing at a high level each week if you want to continue at interna-

tional level." McAllister can be as discriminating in his selection of the correct pass as he is in examination of his own motives. In the 2-0 victory over Austria earlier this month, he gave a significant perfor-

McAllister cause for satisfaction. The side's domination of group four, thus far, has been impressive,

Hubris is the national sin and, after severe punishment of it in the past, there is now a superstitious dread of any expression of hope. Brown, however, cannot help but announce a confidence that his men are capable of making themselves likely winners of the group by defeating Sweden, even though the Swedes were outlandishly unlucky to lose 1-0 in Scotland last

They didn't have Mc-Allister to contend with at Ibrox, because he was suspended then," Brown said.

GROUP FOUR

"He may find himself marked tonight, but I hope he is too majestic a figure to be troubled by Par Zetterberg. We have got to win the midfield battle and I think we can."

McAllister is abetted there by Paul Lambert, whose Borussia Dortmund side are in the European Cup final, and John Collins, who will shortly be part of the AS Monaco team as it clinches the French championship. Such is the prestige of the trio that Paul McStay, with his 76 caps. will have to tolerate a place on the bench.

Might this not be the moment to speculate that Scotland achieve good results because they have good players who have been organised by a good coach? Under-rated for so long, even Brown is now subject to reappraisal and features on all the notional lists of candidates to replace Tommy Burns at Celtic, should the club choose to dismiss its manager.

Were he ever to abandon his charges. Brown would still feel a pang of regret. Scotland have yet to concede a goal in group four, the midfield is adept and a partnership in attack has been found that is

ous. For most of his life, the concept of Darren Jackson, of Hibernian, as international forward would have been scoffed at and Kevin Gallacher is scarcely prolific for Blackburn Rovers.

Together, however, they supply a mobility and enthusiasm that ensure that they usually suffer exhaustion and have to be replaced near the end of each game. By then, as when Gallacher scored twice against Austria, much damage may have been done. Despite that, Scotland cannot swagger into the Ullevi Stadium tonight.

Sweden, in decline since reaching the semi-finals of the World Cup in 1994, see this as their last chance of recovery in

expected, with three forwards fielded. Thomas Ravelli, the Sweden goalkeeper, who will win his 138th cap, has been on the losing side against Scot-land in three meetings in international tournaments, but, if Brown is correct, his longevity will only have pre-served him for one further disappointment.

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Premiership pair offer cutting edge

FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE IN NAPLES

IN A game against Poland here that Italy must win to retain pole position in their and England's World Cup group, they are likely to use a strike force of Gianfranco Zola and Fabrizio Ravanelli. There is still some doubt about the hamstring that Zola hurt a couple of weeks ago playing for Chelsea against Wimbledon, and Cesare Maldini, the Italy coach, has said that he will not pick him unless he is a 100 per cent fit. Nevertheless, the word is that Zola will start

Chelsea? "I'm sure I'll remain in London next year," he has said, "but then we'll see. I am no longer a little boy and I want to finish my career in Italy. I've got a plan and I know what I want to do."



Zola: return

Ravanelli plays because Christian Vieri, who has done so well in his first two internationals, is unfit and Gigi Casiraghi, the Lazio centre forward, has only just re-turned to the field after a protracted absence. Zola and Ravanelli, however, have played together before, most memorably against Wales, last season, in the deep puddles at Terni.

For Zola, this is a romantic return to the stadium where he made his name, playing initially alongside Diego Maradona before succeeding him in the Napoli No 10

jersey.
"Naples is like that," he said, it stays inside you. I played against Napoli at the San Paolo stadium with Parma. I threw flowers to their fans, who had appreciated me for four years. Thanks to this warmth, I, a player from the third division, a Mr Nobody, had the chance to shape myself, to grow, to reach the international team."

Otherwise, it is a question of

rounding up the usual suspects - Costacurta as sweeper in the restored catenaccio defence, Ferrara and Cannavaro as markers, Di Livio, a winger, and Paolo Maldini, an attacking full back, on the ne match at least.

Yet how long will he stay at and Di Matteo, of Chelsea, in midfield, Roberto Baggio, recalled after a 16-month absence and all his traumas with Arrigo Sacchi, Cesare Maldini's predecessor, standing by for Zola. Maldini said that he would not pick Baggio unless he was in the AC Milan team, where Sacchi has now been forced to recall him.

Recently, in Chorzow, Italy were lucky to survive against Poland. Peruzzi, their goalkeeper, untypically fumbled a fierce, low free kick. The ball spun up in the air, giving Wojtala, the tall Poland defender, what seemed an unmissable chance. Wojrala put his header over the bar. That was a dour Italian performance. The Azzuri had only one real strike at goal,

In Naples, the script will be quite different, attack the inevitable theme. Antoni Piechniczek, the Poland coach, is tranquil. "The match? We know it won't be easy for us." he said. "The value of Italian football we see in the European cups, with two teams in the finals. Bringing back Baggio, Maldini has shown himself a great psychologist. We have little to lose. It is up to

Italy to go for the win." Poland are expected to play five in defence, with just Citko up front: Juskowiak has dropped out, injured. Skrzipek may again mark Zola, as he did in Chorzow.

MALLY: A Peruczi: A Costacusta, C Ferrera, F Carnavaro, A Di Livro, D Beggio, R Dr Matleo, D Albertini, P Maldini, G Zota, F Reviandia POLAND: A Woznał; A Ladwon, P Wojala, J Zielinski, P Skrzipek, H Baluszynski, T Weldoch, P Novak, P Swierczewski; M Citko, W Y.owalcyk.

Kinkladze balancing act takes centre stage

MICHAEL CALVIN



catches a glimpse of a worrying sight for England at Wembley

deserted Wembley echoes to the rituals of the recreation ground. The game is twotouch piggy-in-the-middle, and the ball falls to Georgi Kinkladze. He cushions it on his instep, caresses it with his studs, and, with a sudden snap of his right boot, flicks it up and over a bemused challenger. He giggles at his audacity, revels in the fleeting embarrassment that he has created in Georgia's final training session before the World Cup qualifying match against England tonight. There is a telling innocence to the scene, which offers a freezeframe image of a man at ease with the talent that has transformed his life. He has a boy's face and a boyish nature.

Professional football, especially when it is endured in the Vaudevillian atmosphere of Manchester City, encourages suspicion of strangers, however. When it is time to leave. Kinkladze feigns a lack of English to ward off those who wish to question him about his selfproclaimed status as a spy in the English camp.

Perhaps he has taken note of David Kipiani, who faces his first competitive game as national coach after replacing Alexander Chivadze, his former Dynamo Tbilisi teammate. "Sure, he has been telling the players what it is like to play here," Kipiani said, "but I'd prefer it if they listened to me rather than

Kinkladze. "I tell you straight. We are talking too much about him. Everybody knows he is a star, but, if Kinkladze played alone tomorrow, he would not win, we would not win. The greatest players play for the team instead of themselves. I tell my team that is the most important thing." Such words may appear sour and self-defensive in print, but they were



Kinkladze goes through his repertoire at Wembley yesterday. Photograph: Marc Aspland

delivered with warmth and a wicked grin. Kipiani, grey and bald, looks a generation older than his 46 ears, but has the soft, full face and kind brown eyes of a clown. Though everyday life in a nascent republic demands pragmatism, he has a romantic's optimism.

He is comfortable with football's enigma variations. His faith in Kinkladze has survived the player's failure to respond to the physical challenge presented by David Batty in England's 2-0 win in Tolisi last

November. That timid performance underlined why others question his durability, his discipline.

That is the way of things in England. where, all too often. extravagant ability is not taken at face value. Call it the Le Tissier syndrome, an affliction that prompts observers to detect weakness in Kinkladze's balletic demeanour rather than to explore the advantages of his impeccable bal-

ance and instinctive skill. He is small in stature, and does

not appease his critics by possessing the muscular mobility of Gian-franco Zola, England's bête noire in

this World Cup qualifying competition. He also lacks the stage that Chelsea offer Zola. Kipiani, for one, recognises the dangers of Maine Road being a no man's land of mediocrity.
"Kinkladze has improved in Eng-

land," he said. "He has grown up as a player, both physically and tacti-cally; but the problems at Manchester City, with the club staying in the first division, are not good for him."

Irrespective of Kinkladze's little local difficulty, the economic advantages of playing in England are compelling to other members of the 18-man squad. The Bosman-style "free transfer" package that will take Temur Ketsabia, a midfield player, from AEK Athens to Newcastle United in the summer

has concentrated many minds. Yesterday, Ketsabia refused to dwell on his impending move, preferring to concentrate on what he termed "the biggest game of my life". He fooled nobody with familiar noises about "the legend" of Wembley. His insistence that "we are all thrilled to play in the motherland of football" did not have the impact of stage whispers that suggested AC Milan will be watching Kinkladze tonight.

Kipiani saw no point in being disingenuous. "Why shouldn't players think of playing here?" he said. "International games are very important to those who want to write

'An Englishman is a real gentleman. He never kicks you behind the referee'

their names in football. Manchester City made their move for Kinkladze after watching him against Wales." It is not his concern that Michael Kavelashvili, a compatriot subsequently signed by City to ease the culture shock for Kinkladze, has struggled to impose himself on even the Nationwide League. The dangers of Eastern European exports entering an economic comfort zone are one of the few factors that an international manager does not have to take into account.

Kipjani's respect for the English game is genuine. He lost only once as a player in three European ties against English opposition, 5-1 against Tottenham in the 1973 Uefa Cup, and recites the names of his conquerers - "Chivers. Peters. Coates, England, Jennings . . . ah, a great team" - like a mantra.

"I know English football well," he said. "I know how to play here. It is important not to be afraid. An Englishman gives everything, but he is a real gentleman. He never kicks you behind the referee. Kinkladze may have cause to think differently if Batty snaps at his heels tonight, but those who looked into the eyes of the piggy-in-the-middle yesterday will wait, and wonder ...

McCarthy looks forward to mission impossible

FROM RUSSELL KEMPSON IN BUCHAREST

MICK McCARTHY, the Ireland manager, has always accepted that following in the revered footsteps of Jack Charlton was an impossible task. How could he equal, let alone improve on, the achievements of a figure who had assumed almost saintly status by the time he exchanged boot and ball for rod and line and retired to the riverbank?

Tonight, here in the Steaua Stadium, McCarthy would take a similar step along the path to deification if Ireland were able to defeat Romania in their group eight World Cup qualifying match. Even a draw would earn McCarthy an abundance of brownie points in a tie that, statistically and realistically, appears well beyond his side.

Already, Romania have one foot in the finals in France next year, having scored 19 goals and conceded none in the course of five successive victories. Anghel Iordanescu, the coach, draws his players from Europe's most distinguished clubs and is a firm believer in tactical enterprise - attack, attack and, if in doubt, attack some more. So far, it has

proved unstoppable. Privately, McCarthy may Ireland are capable of emerg-

shudder at the prospect facing his innocents abroad. Publicly, he remains relaxed, with only a hint of pre-match edginess. "Romania are a good side, a very good side indeed," he said. "They play 'total football', they like to get forward as much as possible and the speed and variation of their passing will always cause problems. They perhaps

GROUP EIGHT

lose their shape at times. which is something we might be able to take advantage

Will they be cagey? I don't

think so. They if try to win it, just like all their other games.

and they've obviously got the ability to do that. A draw would be a great result for us." Defeat, with Romania going on to win the group comfortably, is likely, yet McCarthy will be looking for signs that ing at the top of the threecornered scrap for second place, which also involves Lithuania and Macedonia. and claiming the subsequent play-off berth. The route to France is still open. Whatever the result, he also

wants a more passionate, co-

herent display than that which

surrendered the three points to Macedonia in a 3-2 loss in Skopje earlier this month. "Anyone who played in that game and was as hurt as they should have been will want the chance to rectify matters," McCarthy said. "That opportunity is now. I've had an excellent response in training. despite the usual interruption caused by injuries, and the players are ready for it. Although we'll have to be at our very best to get anything, I'm reasonably optimistic."

ROMANIA (probeble) B Steles (Steaus Bucharest), D Petrescu (Chelses), T Selymes (Anderlecht), D Proden (Allético Mechid), A Dobos (AEK Arthors), G Popascu (Banelona), D Muntearru (Cologne), B Hagi (Gaistasarey), V Middovan (Grasshopper Lunch), I Viadoiu (Cologne) (Grasshopper Lunch), I Viadoiu (Cologne)

IRELAND (probeble): A Kelly (Shetfield United); D Irwin (Marnchester United), G Kenty (Leeds United), R Keane (Marnchester United), G Kelly (Leeds United), R Keane (Marnchester United), G Kelly (Leeds United), R Houghton (Crystal Patace), A Townson (Asion Villa), Marnchester (Asion

Hamilton forced to experiment

BRYAN HAMILTON, the Northern Ireland manager, enters a largely academic World Cup qualifying contest with Armenia in Yerevan this afternoon shorn of seven players originally named in the squad, and with three others struggling through injury (David Maddock writes).

It is the perfect opportunity, then, for Hamilton to experiment and he will do so with at least three new faces against a side that held Northern Ireland to a 0-0 draw in Belfast in a qualifying match before the turn of the year. James Quinn will play

alongside lain Dowie, of West Ham United, in a twopronged attack, and Hamilton will also draft in John McCarthy, of Port Vale, who replaces the suspended Gillespie. Hamilton could even give a start to Jeff Whitley, 18, who has yet to break into the Manchester City team, givingan even fresher-faced look than usual.

GROUP NINE

Stockport set sights on division title

By DAVID MADDOCK

NOWHERE can the champagne have flowed more deservedly this season than in the Stockport County dressing-room on Monday evening. The defeat of Chesterfield guaranteed automatic promotion to the Nationwide League first division - their highest placing since they spent one fleeting season in the old second division, way back in

Stockport have done it the hard way. They have endured a fixture list that would have had Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, scurrying to the European Court of Human Rights.

Their fixture pile-up, the product of a gloriously drawn out Coca-Cola Cup campaign, even saw them play four matches in one week. They did falter ominously, but somehow toughed out three games in the past week to win promotion.

David Jones, the manager. was still coming to terms with his side's success yesterday. "We enjoyed our cup run to reach a semi-final and to run Middlesbrough, with all their big-money stars, so close was a wonderful achievement" he said, "but the league was the only objective at the start of the season and, I must admit, I feared the cup would cost us that. It has been a hell of a programme and I can't credit my players enough for the manner in which they have

come through it."

Jones has now set the target of winning the second division title - they have two more games this week to be won to pip Bury, the leaders - and. beyond that, survival in the higher division. Brendan Elwood, the Stockport chairman said: "We are not the struggling club that people used to make jokes about. We have a decent ground with plans for further development and we have a wonderful manager. There is plenty more to be heard of Stockport

While Stockport savour their success, Manchester United are looking to ensure that they enjoy more by securing a goalscorer. Ferguson will fly to Germany today to look at Andrei Shevchenko, the exciting 20-year-old Ukraine forward, who would cost United in the region of £3 million.

Everton look likely to sign Francesco Moriero, the Roma midfield player, in a free transfer in the summer.

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CORRECT SCORE 10/1 ENGLAND 1-0 | 11/1 ENGLAND 3-1

9/1 ENGLAND 2-0 10/1 ENGLAND 4-1 16/1 ENGLAND 2-1 9/1 DRAW 7/1 ENGLAND 3-0 22/1 GEORGIA Other scores on request.

FIRST GOALSCORER

11/4 SHEARER (E) 12/1 McMANAMAN (E) 5/1 FERDINAND (E) 16/1 INCE (E) 8/1 BECKHAM (E) 16/1 KINKLADZE (G) 12/1 ARVELADZE (G) | 20/1 ADAMS (E) Own goals do not count. Other players on request.

LATEST ODDS OR WILLIAM HILL TV TEXT - Teleted on CH4 F601/502/50

RACING: STOUTE RELUCTANT TO SPECULATE ON CLASSIC OUTCOME FOR HIS TALKING HORSE

Entrepreneur has plenty to prove

By Julian Muscat

A SPATE of 2,000 Guineas candidates were in action on Newmarket Heath yesterday as trainers put the finishing touches to their contenders for the classic on Saturday. Poteen, Musical Pursuit and Yalaietanee — who remains a possible for the race - were all on show, but post-work dis-cussion invariably centred on Entrepreneur.

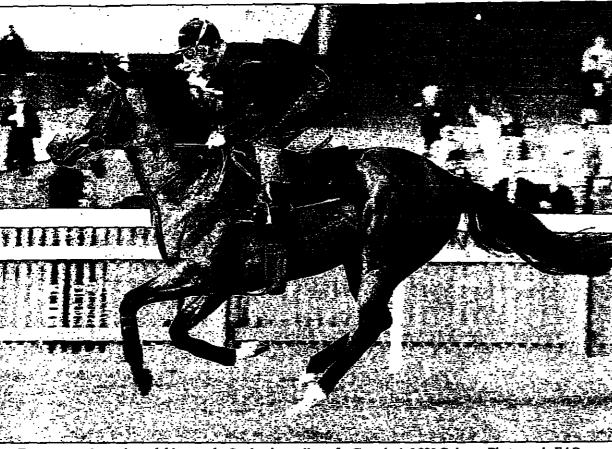
This much-vaunted colt has bewitched the racing community since his participation was confirmed earlier this month. Some gallop-watchers

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: WORLD PREMIER (3.40 Ascot) Next best: Delilah (2.30 Ascot)

were taken by his work with the useful Unitus yesterday. Others described it as no more than routine exercise in Greville Starkey's hands. Michael Stoute, who trains the colt, confined himself to the observation: "He just went five furlongs working in front, with the other horse following him up."

This bare expression of the facts has frustrated those seeking strains of encouragement for Entrepreneur's prospects. But Stoute's reticence, while central to his character, has been reinforced by the spectacular 2,000 Guineas plunge on



Entrepreneur is put through his paces by Starkey in readiness for Saturday's 2,000 Guineas. Photograph: Ed Byrne

Entrepreneur. He is reluctant to fuel the flames of something outside his control - much less champion a horse on evidence other than hard racecourse performance. In that respect, Entrepreneur, the winner of two small races last year, has much to prove.

Yet the circumstances speak favourably of Entrepreneur, whose pedigree accords him total dominance in betting on the Derby. Furthermore, his stablemates. Desert Story and Yalaietanee, annexed the princinal 2,000 Guineas trials earlier this month. "He is a

horse with a 12-furlong pedi-While the evidence of Entregree," Stoute said. "His fullpreneur's relatives underlines his prospects of staying 12 sister (Dance A Dream) was furlongs, there is plenty of speed in his pedigree. His sire, second in the Oaks and his full-brother (Sadler's Image) has stakes class form at up to Sadler's Wells, can get topclass milers - particularly 13 furlongs. But we feel he is from a source like Entrepreentitled to take his chance in neur's dam, Exclusive Order, the Guineas Ione milel."

able trips. The impression that Entrepreneur tackles the Guineas entirely on merit is endorsed by Stoute's refuctance to speculate towards the Derby. Asked if he would be pleased for the horse to finish full of running in third place on Saturday, he said: "That is a hypothetical question. Let's just see what happens and take it from there. In other 2,000 Guineas developments, Kieren Fallon. who partners the Mark Tomp-

whose family has spawned

plenty of precocious runners. One thing is certain: Stoute

has not scaled the peaks by

running horses over unsuit-

kins-trained Musical Pursuit. had a feel of the colt for the first time yesterday. The Dewhurst Stakes winner went on at the end of his work with Cool Edge, prompting an upbeat assessment from his trainer. "Everything has gone smoothly and he has a good each-way chance."

Poteen, trained by Luca Cumani. should have had his confidence boosted when allowed to stride away from five stablemates. Yalaietanee also pleased in his spin. athough a decision on his participation - and that of stablemate Desert Story -

remains on hold.

But the money yesterday was for Revoque, who has assumed outright favouritism from Entrepreneur with Ladbrokes and William Hill. Last season's champion juvenile has contracted to 7-2 from

Time arrives for Witching Hour

2.30: Noisette shaped well on her debut at Haydock last September but meets four lightly raced fillies with useful form. Imperial Scholar's fifth to Reunion in the Nell Gwyn at Newmarket makes the best reading but she hung fire for most of the race. Delilah also showed signs of temperament when a tail-flashing second to Rebecca Sharp at the same meeting. Witching Hour seems more dependable. She trounced a field of maidens at Yarmouth last May and ran second to a good sort in Fernanda at York the follow-

BBCI

ing month.

3.05: Double Trigger and Grey Shot, last year's princi-pals, lock horns again, but the old guard of stayers is vulnerable to the emergence of fresh blood like Jiyush. He improved massively last season and his new trainer, Ed Dunlop, continues in good form.

The sort to make a strapping four-year-old, Jiyush will benefit from the likely strong pace and should be an each way price. Election Day and

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

Orchestra Stall are also improvers in an intriguing curtain-raiser to the cup racing

3.40: Cadeaux Tryst, Whose form at a mile will stand him in good stead over this stiff seven furlongs, has the added advantage of a high draw among a preponderence of front-runners. He needed the run at Newbury and his jockey, Daragh O'Donoghue, is great value for a 3lb claim. Yeast, last year's winner, has a much stiffer task this time round, and World Premier and Tregaron make more appeal. Neuwest is wellhandicapped but prefers a sharp track.

JAMES WILLOUGHBY

ASCOT

THUNDERER

2.30 Imperial Scholar

3.05 Double Trigger

4.10 Occhi Verdi 5.15 Three Arch Bridge

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 NEUWEST. Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 DELILAH (nap). 3.40 Crumpton

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

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2.30 INSULPAK CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0 lillies: £8,134: 1m md) (5 runners)

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Sharp in maiden race at Neumarket (71, good).

3.05 INSULPAK SAGARO STAKES

BBC1 (Group III: £25,240: 2m 45yd) (8 runners) BETTING: 2-1 Double Trapper, 5-2 Grey Shat, 4-1 Oxchestra Stall, 7-1 Election Day, 8-1 Williamander, 10-1 others

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3.40 INSULPAK VICTORIA CUP (Handicap: £22,568: 71) (25 runners)

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FORM FOCUS

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4.40 CHOBHAM CONDITIONS STAKES

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(b) 11111/0- CAP JULUCA 316 (CD.F) (M Myess) R Charlton 5-8-12 R Hughes
(1) 350/348- MWAAMES 347 (S) (H-al Maldoum) J Dundop 5-8-12 R Hughes
(5) 100525- WANTER ROMANCE 194 (D.S) (M al-Maldoum) E Dundop 4-5-12 D O'Donothoe (S)
(2) 552214- CHARLOTTE COMDAY 294 (D.S) (A Oppositement) G Wineq 4-6-10 ... M Hits
(3) Q/J MYTISAB 25 (F) (H-al-Maldoum) R Americang 4-8-10 ... 6 Canter 506 (3) Q/T BMTISAB 26 (F) (H al-Massoum) (H Armstorig 4-8-10 6 Labor BETTONG: 11-4 Novazonis, 3-1 Cap Juliuca, 4-1 Winger Romance; 6-1 Golden Ace, Charlotte Contay Intrast. 1996: TARAWA 4-9-8 R Hughes (5-4 lav) N Calleghan 8 ran

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5.15 WHITE ROSE STAKES

(Handicap: £7,783: 1m str) (30 runners)

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607	(15)	035405-	PHONETIC 188 (Mrs. B Suite) & Balding +9-8 5 Drowne	85		
608	(26)	13020-4	DUELLO 18 (D.F.S) (H Promotions) M Blanstern 6-9-7 J Comm	92		
609	(3)		LYNTON LAD 336 (G) (Uplands Bloodsted) C Brooks 5-9-4 T Comm			
610	(23)	031230-	WHITE SETTLER 237 (F) (J Newsome) P. Hodges 4-9-4 S Sanders	90		
611	(30)		STAR OF RING 11 (F) (Ur. C Parker) IJ Heaton-Ellis 4-9-4 M. Richerts			
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613	(12)	6440-	FAMILY MAIN 189 (Family Man Pins) J Fanchane 49-4 D Hantson	86		
614	(28)		BROUGHTONS TURMOR, 18 (D.F.G.) (R Maximin B Millings 6-3-4 . T Sprake			
615	(6)	1600-10	SYLVAN PRINCESS 11 (D.F.) (Carrelot Racing) () Casgrove 4-3-3. M Rimmer			
616	(18)	111045	KINGCHIP BOY 7 (V,D,F,G) (Four Jays Racing) M Ryer B-9-3 . A Clark	97		
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623	(2)		MY BELOVED 18 (F) (P Hammond) R Hannon 3-8-12 Dame O'Neil	84		
624	(24)		SAFEY AMA 9 (D.F.G) (Optimists Pins) 8 Kanbury 6-8-12 (Ser) W Ryan	94		
625	(11)		DOCTOR BRAVIOUS 9 (V,D,G) (L Gaussi) M Bell 4-8-11 6 Faulkner (5)			
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☐ Richard Hughes received a five-day ban (May 8-12 inclusive) from the Nottingham stewards yesterday for using his whip above shoulder height and with excessive force on Baubigny in the Levy Board Handicap.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Going: good to firm
2.00 (1m 21 48/d) 1, MAID OF CAMELOT
(Pat Ecdery, 5-4 fav), 2, Natural Egipt (M
hits, 3-1), 3, Irsel (M Roberts, 8-1), ALSO
RAN 8 Cowtharee, 14 North White Peans (ret
to race), 16 Fantasy Garl (5th), Laurel Seeler,
25 Concidence, 33 Arthur's Seel (6th), 50
Copper Shell (4th), 66 First Man. 11 ran. 34,
91, 34, 44, 61 R Chartlon et Beckhampton.
Totar 25 80: \$1.30, \$1.30, \$1.90 DF: \$2.60
Totar 96 30, CSF 54.37

Tron 26 30. CSF: E4.37

2.30 (Si. 11yd) 1. CAUDA ECUINA (P. P. Murphy, 3-1 tay); 2. Nopalea (S. Sanders, 9-2; 3. Silver Lining (B. Doyle, 9-2; A.S.O. RAN- 9-2. Tear White (Stri), 6. Littlestone Rocker, 12 Bon Guest, Dr. Woodstock, (Bith), 16 H. Mujtahd, 20 Whitz, Kid (4th), 50 Our. Drowsy Megge 10 ran 11yi, nik, sh hd, 34, 2141 M. Charmon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: \$4.10; E1 70, E1 30, £1.50 DF; £10 10. Tifo: £23.27 CSF; £15 70. Bought in 4,000gns. 3, 200.55 Julien 1, 4,000gns.

4.00 (511)(d) 1. INTIAASH (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 2. Rying Harold IN Adams, 10-1); 3. John O'Dreams (M. Roberts, 8-1); ALSO RAN: 3 Bees Venture, 9-2 River Tem, 6 Anolesto, 10 Tino £122.20. CSF, £78.38 Tricast £444.11.
4.30 (5f 11yd) 1, BALLET RAMBERT (R Firench, 20-1); 2, Cloudberry (B Doyle, 7-2); 3, Whisky Mack (Pat £ddery, 6-5 lay), ALSO RAN: 7 Brandon Frank, 9 Eurofen, 10 Surraner River, 14 Dander Rimes (5th), Some (4th), 16 Polly in Paris, 20 Solvey Lass, 33 Siss (6th), 11 ran 3, sh hd, 3, sh hd, nk, M Haaton-Elis, at Woughton Tote, £21.70, £3.90, £1.50, £1.20 DF; £35.70 Tino; £33.50 CSF, £28.22

CSF. 228.22
5.00 (Im 31 144yd) T, LAST LAUGH (B Doyle, 25-1); 2, Pike Creek (Pal Edday, 7-4 tay); 3, Hill Farm Dancer (R Mullen, 10-1) ALSO RAN + Routentaire (6th), 6 Mighty Plearson: 7 Portile Sophie (4th), 12 Afor Alven, 14 Bronze Maguette (5th), 18 On The Wildsde, 9 ran 25th, 7, 25th, ris, 13th, N Babbage at Chetanham Tote 512-40; 520, En 10, 52:70, DF 52:20, Tino. 5102.20 CSF, 583 48 Tricast 6452.08

Placepot: 951.20.

Nottingham

Going: good. good to firm in places
2.15 (6) 15yd) 1, SKYERS FLYER (N
Comortion, 8-1), 2, Mystifical (A Cultrarie, 7-2
fan); 3, Tismy's Rose (W Ryan, 8-2), ALSO
RAN's BAdvance Repro, Gunners, Glory (8th),
Jib. Jab, Municipal Girf. Rockeroundfredock,
Bibl.) 10 Miss. Perceptive (8th), 12 Bazzing,
Castle, 20 Patritis Park, 25 Witney-La-Roche,
50 Stravano, 13 am. NRT. Docklands Carrage, Don't Forget Shoka, Heavenly Miss,
Locksil, Major Twist, 44, 191, 2, 1141, 31.
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12-70; C3.00, 51:00, C2.90 OF: C36.40 Tro24-30 (C5F C36.51) Bought in 7,000gres,
2-45 (8) 15yd) 1, FAME AGAIN (J Fortune,
6-1 (Faw), 2, Ruris in The Family (D Harrison,
23-11:3, Comichis Quest (R) Hughes, 9-1); 4,
Lachesis (C Teagus, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 6-1
(Flav Aybergirl, Legend Of Aragon, 7 Sharp

'n' Shady, 9 Time For Tea, 10 Divins Miss-P. 12 Bellard Lady (Bith), 14 Deirob (Sith, Robec Girt, 16 Sing With The Band, 20 Al Reet, Rotherfield Park, 25 Cindy, Kate, 33 April Jackson, Emmes Bresze, 18 ren 3, 23-4, 14,

229 60. CSF 2103.49. Tricast: 1972.77
5.20 (Im 61 15yd) 1. SEA FRIEDOM (A Clark, 8-1); 2. The Bulterwisek Md. (R Winston, 8-1); 3. Chabrol (A Dely, 14-1); 4. Charrwised Jack (R Price, 8-1); ALSO RAN-4-1 sav Northern Drums, 7 He's Got Wings, 8 Bowled Over, Dancing Cavaler (6th), 12 Forgie 6th), Norsong, 14 Sherift, Tonnere. 20 Arcacy, Belmanta, Kalemata, Laknd, Sushi Bay, 25 Helghth Of Farme 18 ran, 161, 34 hd, 8t, 134, 51, G Belding at Fyfleid, Tote, 9127-20 Tric 2300.20 CSF 571 80, Tricast 2868 59.

S.50 (Im 54yd) 1, Manazii (R Hills, 7-1); 2. Selette (11-4); 3, Ciro's Pearl (11-2) Chioa Nicola 7-4 fav. 13 ran. 2, 31 R Armstrong Tole: 2560; 24 00, C: 10, E1 80 DF £18 10 7no. £44.80. CSF £25.20.

Jackpot: not won (pool of \$20,143,06 carried forward to Ascot today). Placepot: £786.00. Quadpot: £142.20.



CHELTENHAM

5.25 Broad Steane. 6.00 Cavalero. 6.35 Kettles. 7.10 Double Siik. 7.45 My Nominee. 8.20 Fantastic

Carl Evans: 5.25 Vital Song. 6.00 Miss Milbrook. 6.35 Kettles. 7.10 Celtic Abbey. 7.45 Tinotops. 8.20

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES)

5.25 EVESHAM MAIDEN HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,873: 2m 5f) (12 runners)

3-1 Ocubile Turtium, 9-2 Anderennan, 5-1 Broad Steame, Aj s Boy, 7-1 Vital Song. 8-1 Bernings Dasher 18-1 Orton House, 12-1 Youers, 14-1 others.

6.00 COLIN NASH MEMORIAL UNITED HUNTS **CHALLENGE CUP HUNTER CHASE**

(Amateurs: £2,232: 3m 1(110yd) (7) ATTRIBUTIONS: Z.C., CAC., SITE 11 110/YU) (1/2)

1 - PP22 CAVALERO 38P (5) H Manners 8-12-3 ... A Citaries-Jones (7)

2 3315 GLEH DAM 32 (F.S.S) D Duggen 12-12-3 J M Pritchard (7)

3 1PFP HIGHNAY FIVE 11 (D.G.S) Lafty Susan Brooks 9-12-3 MP Jones (7)

4 2112 HILL STAND 4P (F.G.S) C Securing 10-12-3 ... Miss P Gentley (7)

5 -P453 J B LAD 4P (G.S) H Tock 11-12-3 ... Miss P Gentley (7)

6 20-40 TEATRADER 32 (F.G.S) Miss T Blazzy 11-12-3 ... Miss P Gentley (7)

7 2P12 MISS MALEROOK 8 (D.F.G.S) D Goldsmuttly 9-11-12 EVIIIIams (7)

c. winners (7) 2-1 Miss Millbrook, 3-1 Glen Cak, 4-1 Hill Island, 8-1 Testruder, J.B. Lad. Caralero, 16-1 Highway Fire

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Williams, 5 winners from 7 numers, 71.4%; R Diolan, 4 from 39, 10.3%. Only qualifiers.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascet: 5.15 Suez Tomado, Žurs Exeter: 5.00 Rory'm Kelso: 6.50 Gale Ahead. Plumpton: 2 10

6.35 WRAGGE & CO HUNTERS CHASE

1 435 YOUNG BRAYE 14 (C.F.G.S) Mrs A Young 11-12-7 M G Littler (7) 2 -142 LOYAL NOTE 51 (G.S.) S Andreas 9-12-4 _____ S Andreas (3) 3 4223 RUSTY BRIDGE 14 (D.F.G.S) Mrs S Johnson 10-12-4 4 1136 THE MALAKARMA 14 (CD.F.G.S) Miss C Soundars 11-12-4
5 2946 ARTHU. ARTHUR 32 (G) L Gazzach 11-12-9. J Grassick (7)
6 0354 K C'S DANCER 26 (C.F.S) R Daton 12-12-9. J M Protected (7)
7 6352 LURRICA GLITTER 18 (6) R Smith 9-12-0. R Waldley (7)
8 2976 MOBILE MESSENGER 56 (5) T George 9-12-0
Miss S Sammonth (7)

8 OP13 SABIT BEHET 30 (V.F.6) G Prodromou 9-12-0 Miss S Samworth (7)
10 -LC1 KETILES 229 (F.G.S) M Daniell 10-11-9 A Philips (7)
5-2 Resay Bridge, 3-1 The Masslama, 5-1 Kettes, 7-1 Young Brave, 8-1 K C's Danies, 10-1 Lorings Gilber, Saint Beneft, 14-1 others

7.10 CHELTENHAM CHAMPION HUNTERS CHASE (Amaleurs: £4,026: 3m 2f 110yd) (4)

Amaleurs: £4,026: 3m 2f 11Uyu) (4)

1 -151 DUURLE SILK 14 (CD.F.G.S) R Williams 13-12-6 R Treloggen (3)

2 5913 RYMING CUPLET 40 (C.D.F.G.S) M Trelog 12-12-3

L Jufford (7)

3 4212 SOME-TOY 14 (C.F.G.S) J Squire 11-12-3 Miss L Backbord (7)

4 -P4U CELTIC ARREY 23 (F.G.S) Miss V Williams 9-12-0

D S. Jones (7)

7.45 GOLDEN HARVEST HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,274: 2m 5f) (12)

4-7 Double Silk, 9-2 Some-Toy, 5-1 Ryming Cuplet, 8-1 Celec Abbey

1 1211 MY NOMINE 11 (BLDLF,G.S.) D Nicholts 9-12-7 Fl Borton (?)
2 (407 FIGHT TO WIN 5 (D.F.G.), C Research 9-12-0... J Grassack (?)
3 4F44 FLOWING RIVER 21 (F.G.) N Mitchell 11-12-0. N R Mitchell (?)
4 4-PP FRANK BE LUCKY 11 (D.G.S.) Ms B Astroy-Lones 11-12-0. 5 0203 GREAT POKEY 14P (F,S) Mazz N Courterzy 12-12-0

5-4 May Normingo, 5-2 Tirotopo, 10-1 Tara Boy, 12-1 Frank Be Lucky, 14-1 Frank Sings, Orajo, 16-1 others

8.20 OVERBURY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,190; 2m 110yd) (5)

5 PU11 FANTASTIC FLEET 24P (F.S) Mrs J Westler 5-11-8 Thomson (5) 7-4 Meetanaba, 9-4 Pro Bono. 7-2 Familiar Friend, 4-1 Fantacios Fleet, 16-1 Mastor

KELSO

THUNDERER 5.45 American Hero. 6.15 Lumback Lady. 6.50 Hurricane Andrew. 7.25 Well Appointed. 8.00 Across The Card. 8.30 Stylish Interval. Carl Evans: 8.00 Across The Card.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

5.45 SUNLAWS MOET & CHANDON NOVICES CHASE (£3,420: 2m 1f) (6 runners)

1 F/11 AMERICAN HERO 13 (CD.F.G.) R Altan 9-11-10 ... 8 Storey 2 F112 SPACING SAND 13 (F.S.P. Maritath 7-11-10 ... R Dumwoody 3 3153 BOLD ACCURIT 46-16 B Moort 7-11-5 ... M Foster 4 -3FP KINCAFORSE BROCKE 7 (F) Mrs 5 Stadburne 8-11-0 5 -POO NOBODYS FLAME 25 S Pillendrigh 9-11-0 ... G Cahill 6 PPH SUPERBARK 16 6 Maclogaet 11-11-0 ... E Las

5-4 Amentan Hero, 7-4 Singing Sand, 6-1 Bold Account, 12-1 Nobellys Flame 14-1 Kincardine Bridge, Supermarine. 6.15 SCOTSMAN MADDEN HURDLE (£2,899: 2m 110yd) (14)

Z.899: Zm 110yd) (14)

1 1792 CARLSEE BANDITO'S 54 (F) J Berry 5-11-5 ... D Perker
2 0353 CAUBERT AT LAST 18 Miss M Review 6-11-5 ... G Cabill
3 4004 DOINT FORSET CURTES 18 Miss K Lands 5-11-5 Miss S Lamb (7)
4 P-15 HAND OF STRAW? A Miss 2 Green 5-11-5 ... K Johnson
5 65LIO I'M TYSON 18 Miss D Sarye 9-11-5 ... R South
6 20PO JAMANY GENERAL 13 C Perker 6-11-5 ... R South
7 6P DOLAR WIND 18 M Wapport B-11-5 ... R South
8 5000 TEODY EDWARD 172 Miss A Naughton 7-11-5 Mir Y J Barry (7)
9 F106 AMBER HOLLY 16 J Diazon 8-11-0 ... Mir Y J Barry (7)
10 US LOST NO THE POST 21F C Thorston 4-11-0 ... M Foster
11 2240 LORBACK LADY 7 B Machagapar 7-11-0 ... M Foster
12 200 RESPECTIVES 56 J Macro 4-11-0 ... N South
13 C TOPUP 25 M Barries 4-11-0 ... S Taylor (5)
14 O CARMELLE 16 M Barries 4-10-9 ... S Taylor (5)
14 Carlsia Bandito's 5-2 Caustet A Last 7-1 Hand Ol Strew 8-1 Dant Forcet
4 Carlsia Bandito's 5-2 Caustet A Last 7-1 Hand Ol Strew 8-1 Dant Forcet 6-4 Carlode Banddo's, 5-2 Caught Al Lest, 7-1 Hand Ol Straw, 8-1 Dont Forget Curtis, Jaundy General, 10-1 For Tyson, 12-1 others

6.50 MASON ORGANISATION CENTRE ATTRACTION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,987: 3m 1f) (11)

1 1230 ROYAL VACATION 15 (CD.RF.F.6) 6 Moore 8-12-0 J Callagham
2 2733 WESTWELL BOY 18 (D.F.G.) F Beamors 11-11-1. R Supple
3 P340 WHANT FETTLE 23 (CD.F.G.S) 6 Nichart. 12-11-1 R Beamondy
4 2525 GALE AFEAU 23 (B.CD.F.6) 6 Moore 7-10-10. M Footier
5 600P SIDE OF HILL 83 (CD.F.S) 8 Maskaggart 12-10-6. G Line
6 4250 LAST REPUES 57 (FS.S) T Cart B 112-10-1. T Rend
7 1P73 HIRRICANE ANDREW 23 (D.F.G.6) J Moore 9-10-1. N Smith
8 UT2P REMARY 7 (F.G.S) M Smith 11-10-0. S Shorty
9 4,001 JAMINTY 660 18 (B.D.F.G.) 3 Bishelt 11-10-0. LO THER BOYS
10 2534 FORWARD GLIN 23 (B.F.) P Cheesbrook 10-10-0 Mr R Boys.
11 5832 WILLE SPARKUL 49 (F.G.S) Mr S Beachure 11-10-0 S Carlot
1 Machinel Rev. 7-2 Rend Moore 10-2 Moore 10-10-0 Mr R Boys.

7.25 ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,788: 2m 110yd) (7)

2-1 Glorungie, 3-1 Stasts The Cash, 9-2 Well Appointed, 6-1 Kifficity Boy, 7-1 Ragamuffin Romeo, 12-1 Astraleus, 14-1 Lbos

8.00 CHARLIE BROWN UNITED BORDER HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,469: 3m 1f) (6)

2 -535 GRIEBN THIES 12 (D.6.5) C Ramsay 12-11-12 ... C Storey 57 POSP RUSTY BLADE 6 (6) P Montein 8-11-12 ... C R Hain (6) 4 4-22 SHRE A (JGHT 30) A Dickerso 7-11-12 ... Capt A Opden (7) 5 -072 SOMEDBIGN MATCH 29 I Natch 8-11-12 ... N WISSON (6) 1362 WASHARDE 30P (BF,F,G,B) F Walton 12-11-12 ... J Walton 12 9-4 Washaloe, 5-2 Sovereigns Match. 4-1 Across The Card, 6-1 Shine A Light, 7-1 Green Times, 8-1 Pusty Blade.

8.30 LOTHIAN PLUMBING HANDICAP HURDLE

5 OTO2 STYLISH INTERVAL 18 (C.F.) N Wagged 5-10-2 . R Supple 6 ZBUR VERY EVIDENT 17P (G.S.) A Whither 8-10-0 . S Taylor (5) 7-4 Stylish Interval, 11-4 Supertop, 4-1 Parsons Brig, 5-1 Colorfol Arabition, 8-1 Cogn Lane, 12-1 Very Fedent.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Roveley, 38 winners from 128 numers, 29 7%; Mrs A Swinband, 5 from 20, 25.0%; G Ricciards, 25 from 120, 21 7%; G Moore, 13 from 60, 21 7%; M Hammood, 23 from 109, 21.1%; J Johnson, 16 from 84, 19 0% JOCKEYS: Mr M Bradburre, 5 womers from 14 rides, 35 7%; Mr C Storey, 6 from 25, 24.0%, J Callachan, 12 from 60, 20.0%, R Gernley, 10 from 53, 76.9%; M Moloney, 13 from 71, 16.3%; B Storey, 29 from 162, 15.9%

Dobbin returns to saddle

TONY DOBBIN returns on Friday keen to end his best season in style. He will resume riding at either Sedgefield or Bangor, having been on the sidelines since breaking a collarbone at Hexham seven days after his Grand National victory on Lord Gyllene.

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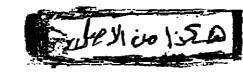
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SNOOKER

lour Doherty comeback puts Higgins under pressure

By PHIL YATES

KEN DOHERTY, on the receiving end of three heavy defeats at the hands of John Higgins, repaired early damage to ensure that he will enter the concluding two sessions of their quarter-final in the Em-bassy world championship on level terms at 4-4.

Doherty has never per-formed particularly well at the Crucible Theatre, or indeed against Higgins, but, by overwhelming Steve Davis 13-3 in the last 16 on Monday, he gave himself an immeasurable boost in confidence.

Yer, when Higgins exploited Otherty's initial vulnerability to lead 3-0. Doherty, soundly beaten 9-3 by Higgins in the final of the 1995 German Open and the semi-finals of the United Kingdom championship this season, appeared in

This hole became deeper

when Higgins, who also whitewashed Doherty 5-0 at the 1995 International Open, occupied prime position in the fourth frame. However, he presented Doherty with a lifeline by missing a routine

DETAILS

SECOND ROUND (best of 25 frames) J Wattana (Thai) bi S Lee (Engl 13-7, J Higgans (Scot) bi D Date (Wates) 13-5. OUARTER-FINALS (bost of 25 frames):

D Morgan (Wales) feads S Hendry (Scot)
5-3; A Robidoux (Cant level with L Walker
(Wales) 4-4; K Dohorty (fire) level with
Hoggins 4-4. Wattana leads J Panott
(Eng) 5-3

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red with the rest and sat out a 58 break as a consequence. Doherty, who also stole the sixth on the black with a 65 clearance after trailing 50-1. eventually accounted for three

TABLE TENNIS

Deng leads China to familiar triumph

By RICHARD EATON

DENG YAPING, the South Korea united to win world and Olympic champion and one of the sport's all-time greats, could soon retire after helping China's women to the team title at the world championships

in Manchester yesterday. "I plan to see if our young players are good enough to replace me before deciding whether or not to play another championships. Deng, 24, said after leading China to a 3-0 defeat of North Korea. The progress of Yang Ying, 21, and Li Ju. 22, who supported Deng's brilliant hitting and countering, may well influence

that decision. This was the Chinese women's eleventh victory in 12 championships — their only failure coming in 1991, when North Korea and the mixed doubles today

the event - and ensured they cleared the first of

seven hurdles that stand

between them and retaining all their world titles. China's progress to defending the men's crown was also impressive. although their 3-1 semi-final win over South Korea contained a defeat for the world champion, Kong Linghui,

against Yoo Nam-Kyu. England, by beating Holland 3-2, with two wins for Carl Prean, gave themselves the chance of playing for thirteenth place in the men's event, against Italy. Katy Parker, the 12-year-old who is about to become the youngest English player to play in a world champion-ships, makes her debut in of the remaining four frames and left the arena feeling far more satisfied with the outcome than his rival.

James Wattana, of Thailand, whose pre-championship form suggested that any hopes of becoming only the second overseas player to capture the title were forlorn, built a 5-3 overnight lead against John Parrott.

A clearance of 129 represented the ideal start for Parrott, but Wattana won four of five frames after trailing 2-1.

Maintaining the determ-

ination that enabled him to edge Ronnie O'Sullivan 13-12 in the previous round, Darren Morgan held a 5-3 lead over Stephen Hendry, the title-holder. With the exception of a mid-session burst, Hendry's display was lacklustre.

Morgan, having found great self-belief at the end of a season in which he has had precious little, settled down quickly with contributions of 52 and 84 to win the first two frames before an unforced error swung the momentum in favour of Hendry.

Leading 28-8 in the third, and handily placed in the reds. Morgan overstretched and missed one to a corner pocket. Hendry made a 97 clearance, tied the scores at 2-2 with a 47 break launched by a spectacular plant and moved 3-2 ahead by taking the lifth.

Importantly, Morgan arrested Hendry's march. He tactically controlled the sixth and won the seventh with a break of 77 when Hendry suffered a "kick" that caused him to miss a red to a middle

Hendry failed to score in the closing frame of the morning - he had a total of only 19 points in the last three. ☐ The World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the game's governing body, yesterday announced that the number of world ranking tournaments will be reduced from ten to eight for the 1997-98 campaign. The casualties next season will be the European Open, staged in Maita for the past two years

and the Asian Classic.





Walkington proudly shows off the Cup after Hunslet's victory in 1934 and, right, the victorious captain as he is today

Clubs still rising to the challenge

C ubstitutions were 30 years off in the 1934 Challenge Cup final. Challenge Cup final.
Jack Walkington knew the worst had happened after he had sent Cyril Morrell galloping clear on an overlap. In crashing over the line, Morrell shattered his collarbone. A player down for an hour, Walkington's inspiring words and leadership were, in

many ways, responsible for Hunslet's 11-5 defeat of Widnes. The captain's message was simple: "Get stuck in, and, above all, retain Widnes were barely

allowed a snift of the ball in the second half and Hunslet completed a remarkable victory. Walkington, now 88, is the only survivor of that 1934 final. Indeed, he is the oldest player left of any of the previous finals. Certain details remain sharp in his mind, though: a £2 raise for winning pre-match roast beef, Dolly Dawson's charging drives, the presentation of the trophy by Lord Derby and celebrations on the team's

return at the new Leeds Civic Hall. "Even in those days. Wembley was a big thing, a special day," Walkington said. "I remember it as big and wide, even more so when we only had 12 men. They talk about with a 10-3 victory.

Christopher Irvine looks back over 100 years of rugby league's showpiece final

fit as we could be then. The game is more open now and it was less of a spectacle then." Hunslet are back at Wembley on Saturday, with a chance of echoing distant glories in the Plate final, against Hull Kingston Ro-

fitness today, but we were as

Two decades before the annual pilgrimage from the North to Wembley, the 1907-08 Hunslet team. which contained the great Goldthorpe brothers. Albert and Walter. won the Cup in the first clean sweep of all the trophies -- a feat emulated by Huddersfield, in 1914-15, and 80 years later by Wigan, whose Cup record is unparalleled: 16 victories, nine defeats.

St Helens, Wigan's archrivals, were one of the inaugural finalists and the centenary final, against Bradford Bulls. is their fifteenth appearance. Batley, the opposition at Headingley in 1897, were a power in the new Northern Union, the breakaway formed two years before. The trophy. still played for today, cost £60 from Fattorini Silversmiths, of Bradford, Battey

Dealer West

Wigan, slow starters in the competition, first won in 1924 and again, five years later, at Wembley, a contentious move

south prompted by the growth
of the Challenge Cup.
Although it quickly became
synonymous with the final. Wembley crowds were dwarfed by the official world record 102,569 attendance at Odsal. (unofficial estimates put it at 120,000) for the 1954 replay Warrington and Halifax.

R ugby league was enjoying great post-war popularity and thrived on parochialism, its innate sense of community and legendary playing families. The Fox brothers, from the Yorkshire mining village of Sharlston epitomised the

pride and pain of the Cup. Was there a sharper, more powerful centre than the prodigious Neil Fox, a threetimes winner with Wakefield Trinity in the Sixties? A moment as inspired as that when Peter Fox coached a team of Featherstone miners to triumph in 1973? Or one as as the miss from in front of the posts by Don Fox celebrating.

that cost Wakefield victory against Leeds in the 1968

Alex Murphy, the most complete footballer of his or any generation, is inextricably linked with Wembley, as the winning captain of St Helens (1966), Leigh (1971) and Warrington (1974) and as a four-times loser as a coach, notably with Wigan, in 1984. When Wigan beat Hull 28-24 in an epic final the next year, the earlier dominant years of Widnes and Hull were soon to pale into insignificance.

Wigan tore Halifax to pieces in the 1988 final, All comers suffered a similar fate up to 1995, but the unthinkable occurred in the fifth round at Salford, on February 11. 1996 — a 26-16 defeat that halted a run of 43 unbeaten Cup games.

An intoxicating final 12 months ago, rich in scoring records, ensured that Wigan were not missed. Like the unfortunate Don Fox, 28 years before, Robbie Paul, of Bradford, was the Lance Todd Trophy-winner and on the losing side in a 40-32 defeat by St Helens. Even so. becoming the first finalist to score three tries, Paul is already part of Cup folklore. If the centenary final is half as good as last years, Saturday will be worth

Elliott goes in search of winning formula for Bulls

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

BOTH Challenge Cup finalists have delayed announcing their teams, St Helens to give Alan Hunte every possible chance of recovering from a hamstring tear and Bradford Bulls because of indecision over their best permutation at half back.

Although Glen Tomlinson has played all but one game at scrum half for Bradford this season, Marthew Elliott. the Bulls coach, is considering moving Robbie Paul there to play alongside Graeme Bradley — the same combination used in the defeat by St Helens at Wembley last year. Tomlinson would be on the bench to provide insurance

Tomlinson's recent form has slipped and the Paul-Bradley axis is a proven one. most notably in the semi-final defeat of Leeds Rhinos. "We've got a lot more depth across the park this year." Elliott said. I've got some hard decisions in the next couple of days. I've only lost one night's sleep thinking about it."

If, as expected, Hunte does not make the final, St Helens will be without not only their "form" player. They will be deprived of a lot of the speed factor that makes them narrow favourites. With the Welsh Union (WRU) apparently having a hand in blocking the proposal by Scott Gibbs to fill the breach for his former club, Andy Haigh is favourite for the right centre position, ahead of Vila Matautia.

Until the WRU stepped in, there was a possibility that Swansea would have tempo-rarily released Gibbs for a rental fee, even though it would have meant him missing their match against Neath, which is vital to their pros-pects of qualifying for the Heineken Cup next season.

Gibbs is hoping that a deal
can be agreed by which he can
play a summer stint with St

Helens next year. John Monie, the former Wigan coach, has parted company with Auckland Warriors after defeats in six of nine matches in the Australasian Super League. Rather than returning to Central Park, he is expected to take a rest from

EXETER

THUNDERER

2.20 Killing Time. 2.55 Colonel Blazer, 3.30 Spring To It. 4.00 Mr Conductor, 4.30 MYSTIC HILL (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.20 PORTMAN FIXED INTEREST BOND NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,768. 2m 2l) (5 runners)

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2.55 ROYAL MAYY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES **HURDLE** (£2,368: 2m 2f) (5)

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4.00 PORTMAN INSTANT ACCESS HANDICAP CHASE

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PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.10 Circus Colours. 2.45 Persian Elite. 3.20 Malwood Castle. 3.50 Theme Arena. 4.20 Linden's Lotto. 4.50 Night in A Million.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

2.10 APRIL CLAIMING HURDLE

(£1,935: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

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☐ William Muir will aim Averti at the King's Stand Stakes or the Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot after the six-year-old's win in the Corston Conditions Stakes at Bath yesterday.

IN BRIEF

Promoters have bet of £50,000

Sis

FRANK WARREN and Mickey Duff, the promoters, yester day added spice to the contest between two of their boxers -Robin Reid and Henry Wharton — at the Nynex Arena, Manchester, on Saturday by agreeing a £50,000 wager on

the outcome.

Duff, Wharton's backer, had originally wanted to gam-ble £20,000, but agreed to increase the stake when challenged by Warren at a press conference. I always put my money where my mouth is and I think Robin Reid is a very underrated fighter." War-

ren, who once successfully bet £120,000 on Tim Witherspoon to beat Frank Bruno, said. Congreaves signs

Basketball: Andrea Congreaves, the England international, will be one of only three non-Americans participating in the inaugural eight-team Women's National Basketball Association when it begins in June. A 6ft 2in centre, Congreaves will play for Charlotte Sting.

Davis excels Lacrosse: Wales could reach the third-place play-off after beating Canada 9-8 in the World Cup in Tokyo yesterday. Ailsa Davis scored the winning goal 15 seconds from time, her lourth of the match. Sarah Butt scored a hat-trick for England in the 7-5 defeat

by the United States.

Giles returns Hockey: England have named a squad of 16, including Calum Giles, the corner specialist, for the international against Germany in Düsseldorf on May 31. England, without Giles, failed to convert 28 short corners in the recent five nations' tournament in

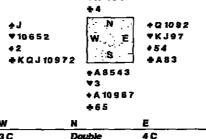
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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT When the defence are threatening to get a ruff, the declarer's natural instinct is to draw trumps immediately: but he should always look at the consequences. Often, the trick conceded by allowing a ruff will come back in another way. This hand was played at the Australian Gold Coast congress in February.

> VAQ84 +KQJ63



Contract: Four Spades by South Five Diamonds is the best

North-South contract, but difficult to reach after East-

West's obstructive efforts. That is why people pre-empt. The diamond lead was clearly a singleton, and so the declarer drew two rounds of trumps. That would have been fine if the trumps were 3-2; declarer would have made four tricks in spades, one in hearts and five in diamonds. However, when the spades

were 4-1, to make the contract. declarer had to take a heart finesse. East won, drew dummy's last trump and took two club tricks for two off.

Playing a club at trick two will always bring in the contract when the trumps are 3-2, even if someone gets a ruff declarer will not lose more than one club, one diamond ruff and one trump trick - but that line fails here, with

Lead: Two of diamonds

the singleton trump getting the ruff. The winning line is to play the king of spades at trick two, then play a club. If the defence

trumps 4-1 and the hand with

get a diamond ruff, declarer loses only the three tricks described in the previous paragraph, and the gain is against the 4-1 break. Now, declarer has set up his club ruff before East can draw all of dummy's trumps. ☐ The British Open team for the European championship

in June will be Gus Calderwood and Dick Shek, Gerald and Stuart Tredinnick. Jason and Justin Hackett, with Tony Priday captain and

David Burn coach. D Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BIDDY a. A maid

b. A signal at bridge

c. A baby's feeder SHEMOZZLE a. A piece of harness b. To kidnap

GOLIARD\$ a. Buffoons b. Medieval plus-fours

c. Polish cavalry

DODDYPOLL a. A parrot b. A general election c. A fool

Answers on page 54

By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Luke McShane, 13, who recently achieved the distinction

grandmaster.
In spite of a superb series of successes, McShane still has 27 some way to go to reach the

strategy and open positions. facing an opponent rated 2,630 on the international scale,

has much to learn when handling the strategically deli-cate Sicilian Defence as Black. An ill-timed counter-attack on the queen's flank led to disorganisation in the black camp, which White ruthlessly exploited. White: Movsesian Black: McShane

Sicilian Defence

Nc3 cod4 **EdN** 0-0 Be6

KEENE on CHESS

Prodigy's prospects

of becoming Great Britain's youngest international master, has somewhat less than a year to go if he wants to break the record of Etienne Bacrot. 14, in becoming the youngest

maturity required of grandmaster performances. Mc-Shane's style strongly resembles that of the young Nigel Short - clear attacking He is very much a specialist when playing White against the Sicilian Defence. In the game today, however,

McShane shows that he still

2 Nt3 4 d4 5 Nxd4 6 Be3 B 13 9 Od2 10 0-0-0

Gelsenkirchen, 1997

13 Kb1 Rc8 N1e2 Ra5 Ne8 Pxe8 Qc8 Qc6 Qd7 Bc4 Rxc7 c5 ď5 No.d5 Rud5 Rc6 Black resigns

Diagram of final position

Times book The Times Winning Moves 2

contains 240 chess puzzles from international grandmaster Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B.T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing). ☐ Raymond Keene writes on

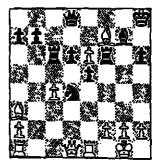
chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Sher — Hitzgerova, Baden, 1997. Nimzowitsch, the great chess teacher, wrote of the passed pawn's "lust to expand". How did the white pawn on e6 fulfil its desires here?

Solution on page 54



Rattling good way to begin

the new season

eville Cardus thought that to be paid for

the stage of the Royal Festival

Hall to conduct the Vienna

Philharmonic Orchestra in a

programme by that well-

palanced middle order. J

Haydn, R Strauss and Berlioz

It was the first day proper of

the cricket season, and it may

turn out to be the highlight of

the summer. I do not, of

course, refer to Richard Hard-

en's batting, tenacious though

it was, or to Alex Tudor's

bowling, which was distinctly promising. But for one modest

day and one glorious night I imagined myself to be a suc-

essor, in spirit, to Cardus. Young Rattle played shots all round the field.

He is not in fact a cricket

man though his father, Denis,

who passed away last year.

assuredly was. But a wealth of

associations link cricket with

music, from Cardus himself.

who changed common percep-

tions on both sides of the

bowler

wicket, so to speak,

through to a man

such as Bob Willis.

supreme and fully

fast

paid-up

Wagnerian.

Yorkshire turn tables on Roses rivals

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

OLD TRAFFORD (Lancashire won the toss): Yorkshire (2pts) beat Lancashire by 49

FOR 16 matches, stretching back to 1994. Lancashire had reigned unbeaten in the Benson and Hedges Cup. They may yet win it for a third successive year, come July at Lord's, but their proud sequence was broken yesterday when Yorkshire won a tense, low-scoring zonal match, on a stiflingly slow pitch, with more in hand than had seemed likely.

If the run had to end, it was entirely appropriate that Yorkshire should be the beneficiaries, for they had come so close last June, when Lancashire snatched an epic semifinal victory at Old Trafford by one wicket and off the final ball. For too long they have suffered, subserviently, in one-day Roses cricket and, whether or not this is the precursor of altered times, it was a result to make them believe in the

possibility.

Lancashire, chasing only 204 in a match carried over because of the torrential rain of Monday, never managed to engage third gear and even a valiant and typically inventive 64 not out from Neil Fairbrother could not take them close. Finally, as he ran out of partners and overs simultaneously, Fairbrother failed to dominate the strike. let alone the bowling.

Just as he had done in the semi-final last season. Peter Martin strode out to win the match in a last-wicket stand. This time, though, rather than needing two from the final ball, he required 51 from five overs; predictably, it was be-

yond him. True, Lancashire were without Mike Watkinson, their captain, and Wasim Akram. their overseas player, both unfit, and lost Glen Chapple when he broke a knuckle in the field. He will require surgery in hospital today; Lancashire may require the

return of Wasim against Derbyshire. Lancashire, of course, have

escaped from corners as tight as yesterday's, and many In acquiring the unargued accolade as the best cup side in the country. they have needed resilience and character as much as natural talent. In this competition, especially, they have never known when they are

Perhaps there was a false sense of security about their reply, for the Yorkshire total had seemed inadequate, even allowing for the stingy quali-ties of the pitch and the shortfalls in the Lancashire batting. Indeed, the impres-sion throughout an uninspired innings was that Yorkshire will miss Michael Bevan even more than they feared.

Time and again, last season, Bevan injected Yorkshire's batting with a steely conviction. He is a tacitum character, one who openly detests being beaten and his attitude did wonders for a dressingroom that probably needed some toughening up. This year they are going to have to stand alone and, on this evidence, they may not consistently be up to it.

The opening pair, past and present captains, proceeded contentedly to 69 before Martin, who had been beating the bat with outswing, drifted one back in to bowl Martyn Moxon off his pad.

In Martin's next over, David Byas wrongly identified a long-hop, top-edging his pull to mid-on, and when Peter Hartley, the putative pinchhitter, suffered the early fate of so many such experiments, Yorkshire's platform had collapsed beneath them.

There were some undistinguished shots played as the innings declined, but this was as much because of frustrations with the pitch as to earlyseason rustiness. McGrath, having chanced his arm



Martin, the Lancashire bowler, beats Moxon's defence and knocks back the Yorkshire batsman's stumps yesterday

area more than once, was caught at short third man. and Parker and Vaughan chipped simple catches as they tried to loft the ball over the

infield. The last four wickets went down for five runs and Lancashire, who had copied Leicestershire's huddle to generate body heat rather than bonding, left the windswept ground gratefully and confidently.

Six of their eight Benson and Hedges Cup wins last year came through batting second and there was what seemed at first to be a measured stealth about their

approach. Only when Hartley, still effective after all these years, took out Gallian and Crawley in his first two overs did the poise begin to splinter.

Atherton, having stayed around for 20 overs for 15. mistimed a drive to cover, Lloyd suffered a rare failure and Byas, juggling his bowlers with confusing speed. allowed for no retrenchment. Once the fifth-wicket stand of 67 between Fairbrother and lan Austin was broken by Chris Silverwood, who took the gold award, the rest was a

OLD TRAFFORD SCOREBOARD

*D Byas c Atherton b Martin M D Moxon b Martin Parker c Lloyd b Austin . White c Crawley b Green †R J Blakey not out D Gough c Austin b Green ... C E W Silverwood c and b Martin . R D Sterno run out

E-tras (b 2, lb 7, w 11) Total (48 overs) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-77, 3-90, 4-114, 5-143, 6-165, 7-198, 8-199, 9-201 BOWLING Martin 9-2-31-3. Austin 9-0-27-2: Chapple 5-1-23-0: Yales 10-0-36-2: Green 10-0-45-2: Gallian 5-0-32-0.

JER Gallian low bi Harriey.

J P Crawley & Gough b Harriey N H Fairbrother not out

As for the minors, they still

seek a third win against the

majors this decade with the

boundless enthusiasm that ex-

They overturned Sussex in

1992, Leicestershire two years

ago. This modern set, with five

newcomers including Wayne

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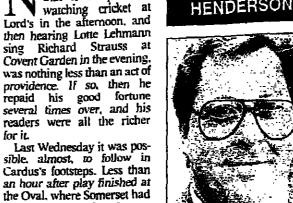
nership that Derbyshire ap-preciated because they looked uр Adams was only five runs short of beating Derbyshire's individual best in the competition, set, yes, by Jones against Minor Counties last summer.

composer was born.

has sung in all the world's leading opera houses, regards the youthful hours he spent batting at the other end to Tony Lewis to have been as pleasurable as any he has spent. Lewis was himself a fine violinist, and remains an

witness. It is not difficult to make a case for the mutual fascination. Both disciplines are by turns dramatic and tedious. depending on who is at the crease. There are conductors who can make Mahler sound as boring as a Boycott innings. and there are batsmen who can light up the day like Haydn (who is always a test of

MICHAEL



Length

true musical intelligence). There are longueurs in both games, time for contemplation and scope for revelation. In short, cricket and music offer natural conduits for the human character to express it-

ember 1987 he was making his debut with the Berlin Philharmonic in Mahler's Symphony No 6, which represented a bumping pitch and a blinding light if ever there was one. (There is another view of Mahler. Doug Ibbotson once wrote of a wretched day at Lord's that "if Mahler had ever completed his Symphony No 10 he would have called it the Middlesex". Naughty!)

At the final rehearsal I

'It may be the highlight of summer

John Barbirolli was a lover of the game, but no more than

Zubin Mehta is today. (There is even a whisper that Carlos Kleiber, possibly the greatest living conductor, is a follower). Nigel Kennedy is a Warwickshire member: Julian

Bream and Sir Neville Marriner run their own teams, Bream so seriously that when an opposing team turned up without wicketkeeping gloves he re-

fused to lend them his own. Keith Miller could talk on Beethoven to Cardus and, it is said, rerouted a bomber mission home during the Second World War war so that he could fly over Bonn, where the

The tenor, Robert Tear, who utterly reliable musical

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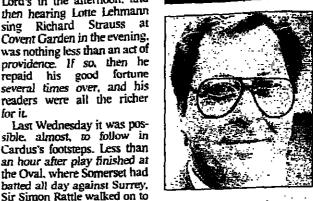
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But back to Rattle. In Nov-

started chatting to a man behind me who

kept saying, "they really are playing for him!". It turned out to Rattle Sr and when he discovered he was talking to a cricket writer he ex-claimed: "Aha, a new Cardus!"

After the concert that night he took me to one side in the green room and said: "Let me tell you about the time I played. for my school against Kent, and was bowled by Tich Freeman.

So it was in the holy of all musical holies, Herbert von Karajan's room at the Berlin Philharmonie, with people reeling in shock after a superlative performance, that I heard how A. P. "Tich" Free-(almost) equal terms about man. Kent's demon leg spinner, the taker of 3,776 wickets. more than any man in the history of the game save one (Wilfred Rhodes), had bowled out a schoolboy batsman nearly 60 years before.

> 'Les Ames, wicketkeeper, was sitting next to me at lunch," said Denis. "and he told me when Tich comes on he'll bowl you a top spinner. And he did. 'Then', he said, 'he'll bowl a googly'. And he did. Then he'll give you a leg spinner'. And he did. And it bowled me. Now, come and say hello to Simon, Good, wasn't it? They really can play. But the trombones aren't a patch on Birmingham."

Somewhere at home is the programme from that memorable evening, on which his son, that most gifted of men. has written "caught in the slips again" and "ta for coming, Simon."

De Silva's unbeaten 103 makes history

By Our Sports Staff

ARAVINDA de Silva became the first player in Test history to score two unbeaten centuries in one match as Sri Lanka scented victory over Pakistan on the fourth day of the second and final Test in Colombo yesterday.

De Silva followed his 138 not out with 103 not out to help Sri Lanka to reach 386 for four declared, setting Pakistan 426 to win the match and the series. Chaminda Vaas then dispatched both opening batsmen. Rameez Raja and Salim Elahi, to leave Pakistan on 28 for two at the close.

De Silva has dominated the short series with three consechundreds, having scored 168 in the second innings of the drawn first Test, also in Colombo. The platform for de Silva yesterday was built by the openers, Sanath Jayasuriya, who made 113, and Russell Arnold, who scored a maiden Test fifty. SRI LANKA: First trinings 331 (P.A.de Sive 138 not out, S.T. Jayasunya 72, Saqlak Mushtaq 4 lor 115)

BOWLING Salim Malik 9-2-33-0, ljaz

Ahmed 5-0-18-0: Sactan Mushtac 42 5-4-171-1, Muchtaq Ahmed 33-4-113-2; Asit Mujlaba 6-0-33-0 PAKISTAN: First Innings 292 (Moin Khai 98. Vaas 4 Ior 60, S.C. de Silva 5 for 85) PANAS 4 for 60, S.C. tre com-Second Innings *Remtz Raja c Kalumiharana b Vaas Salmi Elshi e Amori b Vaas

Total (2 wids) ______FALL OF WICKETS 1-0, 2-19 BOWLING Vaas 5-2-11-2: S C do Silva 5-2: 16-0; K J Silva 1-0-1-0; Kalpage 1-1-0-0 Umpres: P Manuol (Sn Lanka) end I T Robinson (Zimbabwe).

Grubby Derbyshire leave Jones fuming

LAKENHAM (Derbyshire won the toss): Derbyshire (2pts) beat Minor Counties by

GIVEN the choice, Dean Jones, the Derbyshire captain and Australian master-batsman, would probably have nominated anyone for the Gold Award except matchwinning century-maker Chris Adams, the team-mate who ran him out. In equal measure, however, the champagne

and blushes belonged to Adams. Jones, already doubly frustrated at being marooned on 99 when rain washed away a potential championship win over Kent last Saturday, found himself ousted for 35 after responding faithfully but fatally to Adams's call and being

However, this "yes-no" in-terlude, after Adams had oushed the ball gently to Jonathan Fielding at mid-on, scarcely disturbed Derbyshire's march to a much-easier victory than the 11 halls to

Sussex, who is on sick leave,

has been dismissed by the

club's new committee. Finan-

cial arrangements are at

present being discussed. His

replacement, who will be an-

nounced today, is Hugh Grif-

fiths, 50, a former Rothmans

Bett, who did not attend the

annual meeting of the club at

which the committee resigned.

embarrassed some of the

membership by being photo-

graphed for a naturist maga-

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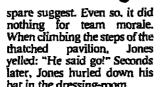
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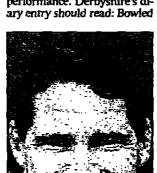
has not returned to work

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sent back to the bowler's end.

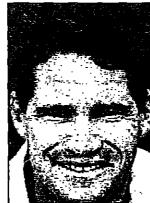


vigorously on the verandah, thankfully with a blunt instrument, scraping away the dirt and symbolically wiping his memory of a grubby team performance. Derbyshire's di-



second-class bowlers.

later, Jones hurled down his bat in the dressing-room. He later cleaned his boots



Jones: growing frustration

badly. DeFreitas and Mal-colm apart; fielded moderately eyebrow, Kim Barnett six in and batted passably well against, bless them, mostly

Derbyshire, windswept and already looking weary. trooped off for today's second round of games, continuing a not-so-magical mystery tour of Canterbury, Norwich and Old Trafford in the season's first competitive week.

Already, both opening batsmen have been stitched.

his knee after mishaps in Kent. Dominic Cork has suffered from a groin strain with Andrew Hayhurst laid low by

a knee cartilage problem. In other respects, Adams his 138 from 123 balls including six sixes and 14 lours before he was caught at the Adams and Jones added 102 in

was in perfect batting health, wicket off Stewart Laudat. 19 overs, a third-wicket part-

LAKENHAM SCOREBOARD

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-9, 3-31, 4-97,

MINOR COUNTIES S J Dean c krikken b Malcolm W Larkins c Jones b Malcolm P J Sylvester b DeFreilas ... M A Fell b Roberts N Dalton b Harris S V Laudat not out J M Fleiding c Clarke b Roberts
N V Radford not out Extras(16:4,w:11)..... Total (7 wkts, 50 overs) M A Sharp and tP J Nicholson did not

BOWLING: Defreitas 10-2-25-1, Mal-colm 10-2-42-2; Hants 10-0-65-1, Dean 8-0-57-1; Roberts 10-1-50-2; Clarke 2-0-13-0.

More moves on Sussex merry-go-round

J Barnett c Nicholson b Fell J Adams c Nicholson b Laudat . E Malcolm c Larkins b Fielding . Extras (8b 6. w 10) Total (4 wkts. 48.1 overs)

P A J DeFreites, †K M Krikken, G M Roberts, A J Harris and K J Dean did not FALL OF WICKETS 1-99, 2-112, 3-214, 4-237. BOWLING: Radtord 10-0-31-0; Sharp 10-1-48-0; Dalton 6 1-0-53-0; Fielding 10-0-57-1, Fell 4-0-19-1, Laudet 8-0-46-1

Gold award, C J Adams Umpires: B J Meyer and B Loadbeater, Larkins, formerly of North-amptonshire and Durham, and Neal Radford, have a distinct spring in their stride. The two former Test players Larkins, of Bedfordshire,

and Radford, of Herefordshire have taken a compulsory year to qualify. No "outsider" in his first season represents Minor Counties. The side batted reliably and

fielded better than Derbyshire. A virtuoso bowling display from Radford on Friday. against Worcestershire, his former county, is needed to galvanise their hopes.

Middlesex are kept waiting by Kallis

By Alan Lee

SEVEN counties began their Benson and Hedges Cup programme this week without an overseas player and anything up to eight teams could be without one when ten further matches are staged today. As only Surrey have been brave enough to dispense with foreign aid, this is a fair indication of the shambles that the

system has become. Middlesex, needing to beat Essex at Lord's to avoid the earliest of exits after their defeat in Dublin, would dearly like to reinforce their ranks with Jacques Kallis. The option is denied them, however, as Kallis has yet to arrive from South Africa, where he has been completing an extended

Joe Hardstaff, the Middlesex secretary, returned from the indignities against Ireland to report: "Kallis will fly in early on Thursday morning and, if he has come through the journey well, he'll play at Cardiff on Friday." As Richard Johnson has been in poor form pre-season, Middlesex have little room for manoeuvre today against an Essex

Yorkshire left out Darren Lehmann, their new Australian, at Old Trafford because tice. They may give him his debut against Worcestershire at Headingley today.

Neil Johnson, a Natal allrounder scarcely known in England, is expected to play for Leicestershire at Grace Road. Nottinghamshire, the visitors, are among four counties still awaiting their registered Pakistani.

up where they left off last season, emphatically losing their first two one-day games. Victory over Northamptonshire, in their first home game of the season, would do much for local credibility.



What concerned Mariar was that, two years ago, a coach, Desmond Haynes, was appointed ahead of a director of cricket. According to Marlar, John Barclay, a former captain of Sussex who

club chairman, insists that

was not a relevant

this

now oversees the indoor school at Arundel, would have been the obvious candidate. For that, Bett, a pleasant man who has been secretary of Sussex for nine years, took the The next announcement at Hove will be the appointment on May 7 of six new committee members to join the three in existence. These will be non-

executives who will play no

part in the day-to-day running of the club unless they are asked by Marlar or Tony Pigott, the chief executive, to take on a project, such as looking into the redevelopment of the ground. It was likely that Bett's position at the club would be in jeopardy once the committee had resigned. Two years ago the departure of Norman Gifford, the coach, led to

a review of the structure of

personnel. Sussex decided to

appoint a new first-team

coach and create a position

of director of cricket and

coaching. The first role was

swiftly filled through the

recruitment of Haynes, but

EXTRA Scorers put out

The county cricket scorers, who, four years ago, had to grapple with computerisation, are irked that they are having now to deal with the Duckworth Lewis system, the new method of working out runrates required for limitedovers matches that are rainaffected. Two of their number work without renumeration and several are of an age when they do not want to cope with modern technology.

"The original idea was that the umpires would sort out the run-rates, but they decided the system would take too long to work out manually," Ted Lester, the chairman of the Association of Scorers, said. "So we have been put on." The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has asked the counties to improve the status and, perhaps, the renumeration of

Vic Isaacs, of Hampshire, is the senior scorer on the county circuit. He is in his 24th year and has taken to the changes readily. "The new system is fairer, but complex to work manually, which is why the umpires are worried about it." Whether some scorers in an honorary capacity can con-

going, I don't know. Clem Driver (Essex) and Stan Tacey Derbyshirel had never looked at a computer before we were asked to use them. "The younger element are coping better, but the ECB is still asking a lot. The counties will not find it easy to gain our replacements in future be-

tinue, with the way things are

bracketed together with scoreboard operators, and those who work in the club shop."

cause the poor old scorer is

still a second-class citizen,

Lions loathed Sir Alec Bedser, Surrey's most

famous living cricketer, is not a supporter of one-day cricket. He is still less an admirer of the gimmickry that has been introduced at his beloved Oval this season. "We are just copying what everyone else in the game is doing, including Australia," he said, "They have an academy, so we have to have an academy. They have music at matches, so we have it, too.

"The Surrey Lions is all

on my views to the committee. The only reason I am critical is because I want to see standards maintained and 1 find it hard to believe all this is necessary."

wrong. What is the problem with Surrey CCC? It's a great

club. I don't think Lions

roaring, coloured clothing or

gimmicks bring speciators into the ground. I have passed

Roving eye The BBC is to employ a roving reporter during Test matches for the first time this year. Simon Hughes, the cricketer turned journalist, is to conduct interviews during play. "If, for instance, Mark Waugh scores a century, we will get him to show the camera his thigh pad," Hughes said. "On it has written the details of all the centuries he has scored in the form of stick

men.' Meanwhile, Peter Baxter, the producer of the BBC's Test Match Special, is upset that the fortieth anniversary of the programme is being marred by claims that John Arlott and Brian Johnston, its two most famous commentators, did not hit it off. "They would not have socialised a lot together, but I never saw a cross word between them," he said. "People who are suggesting otherwise

FATHER TIMES | he was short of match prac-

are very sad.

season with Western Province.

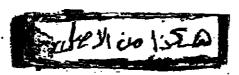
team in impressive form.

Most of the remaining absentees are Pakistanis returning late, or unfit, from a hectic winter of international engagements. Wasim Akram is already back with Lancashire, though, and he could be drafted into their side against Derbyshire,

Durham have already taken

Surrey have shed some of that commodity in the opening week, playing abysmally in the championship and scrambling one win from two lastball thrillers in the limitedovers games. This is not the start most predicted for them and they will be in chastened mood for the away game with Gloucestershire, who have begun surprisingly well.

to say the



Censors barking up wrong tree in pursuit of Russell

have always had a fellow-feeling for Jack Russell. We are both wicketkeepers. I was quite extraordinarily bad, he is still a master. We have both revelled in batting as a form of obduracy, me hilariously against such fearsome attacks as the Nicky Bird XI, he gloriously against the

We both found India a life-changing experience, me to abandon these shores for Asia and take up new ethical positions, he to

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And we have both fallen foul of the censors at Lord's.

Russell had a book, called, ho-ho, Jack Russell Unleashed. Since it is not a Panglossian apologia. since it does not view cricket as a pastoral idyll of social and eco-nomic perfection, the authorities of

the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) have taken agin it. A newspaper serialisation of this book has been arranged and the Daily Mail is running it. The Mail has not selected the mildest and merriest pages from Russell's oeuvre: that is newspapers for you.

Lord's sees this as defiance and wondering . whether to come 'He is entitled down with all kinds of wrath and punishment. Russell's initial poslaw is an ass' ition is that blame lies not in his defi-

ance but in the found a second career as a painter. sloppiness of Lord's. He submitted his book on time, but the Lord's censors failed to return the script with itemised complaints to meet the deadline. My profession encourages an attitude of contempt for people who miss deadlines. My brush with the Lord's cen-

sors was over my book, a biogra-

phy, third person and many different sources, called Phil Edmonds: A Singular Man, published back in 1986. It will not please Edmonds to know that, when the subject of the book comes up, the normal reaction is "Ed-monds? Wasn't he the one with the

indeed. Frances Edmonds, whose barnstorming Another Bloody Tour rather eclipsed the efforts of her husband and myself. was also a loud and dazzlingly witty voice in A Singular Man. The manuscript was duly submitted to Lord's for vetting and it came back with a host of objections and suggested changes.

Most of these were of mindboggling pettiness and stupefying small-mindedness. Schoolmasterly voices coming distantly from a forgotten world, they brought out in us the defiance and deviousness of the schoolboy. I remember only one specific SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

objection. Edmonds had spoken slightingly of David Gower's selfconscious, table-thumping prematch rants. Team meetings were held up for amiable ridicule. 1 wrote: "'I call them rah-rah meetings,' said Edmonds." That, Lord's

told us, had to go. Dutifully, I changed it. Cut the word "Edmonds". Substituted the word "Frances". The childish glee Phil and I took in this can be imagined.

If you wish to play professional cricket, you must sign a contract accepting the notion of censorship. Why? Edmonds and Russell are both grown-ups who live in a democracy. They are entitled to say that the prime minister is a fink and the law is an ass. But they cannot say "rah-rah meeting". This is plainly absurd.

It is hard to see what the ECB is. seeking to achieve. For a start, its notion of censorship is deeply unEnglish. A Whig gendeman-politician would find Russell's views beneath his notice: a modern democrat would defend, even in disagreement, a cricketer's right to express his views on cricket.

So far, all Lord's has managed to do is to create a tidal wave of publicity for Russell's book. If it Lord's will look like a fool.

If it doesn't, and it succeeds in banning Russell, it will look still player greatly loved, for his craftmanship as a

wicketkeeper, his stubbornness and improvisation as a batsman, for his unassuming air, for his various martyrdoms, for his nous in bring-ing out in himself a second talent.

seeks to go further, Russell has vowed to defend himself, on the aforementioned grounds of sloppiness about deadlines. If that sticks,

worse. Russell is, deservedly, a stadiums, in newspaper columns.

If it sticks, Lord's will look a fool'

To punish Russell would bring forth a nationwide howl of dismay. Ray Illingworth, former chairman of selectors, was fined £2,000 for bringing the game into disrepute over his own book in which he he defended his outrageous treatment of Devon Mal-

stands guilty of it. Sport thrives on its free exchange of views, in bars, in

Disagreements freely aired are part of sport's life-blood. Controversy in sport is good, not bad. Lord's, with its absurd policy of censorship, stands as an enemy of sport and an enemy of freedom. It

seeks to defend only its own piffling brief authority, its own pettifogging little tyrannies. It is more than offensive, it is plain silly. It is really the stuff of lunacy. If this case goes any

further, it will prove that it is not

Jack Russell but the men of Lord's

who are barking.

CRICKET: INEXPERIENCE COSTS DURHAM OPENING BENSON AND HEDGES CUP WIN AT TRENT BRIDGE

Boon plans route from bust to boom

Simon Wilde on the

captain trying to

break a losing habit

in the North East

DAVID BOON is a great believer in the sporting "cycle": the theory that says winning eventually turns to losing and losing to winning. He has good reason to believe in it, having cut his teeth in struggling Tasmania and Australia sides that now prosper and having watched from close quarters England's fortunes plummet in the opposite direction.

There could scarcely be a wiser choice than Boon, then, to lift Durham out of their trough of despair. If they are indeed a team at the bottom of a cycle, the wheel of fortune to which they are lashed must be a mighty big one. At Trent Bridge yesterday Nottingham-shire beat them by five wickets — their 33rd defeat in 42

membership figures.

Boon has been given a twoyear contract and sweeping powers. Neither Geoff Cook, the cricket executive, nor Norman Gifford, the first XI coach, wield the authority they did last year.

county matches, against which can be set just one win. which came in a 40-overs match at Hartlepool last July. when the thoughts of their opponents, Essex, were focused on an impending cup-tie 350 miles away. The match yesterday re-

sumed finely poised and Boon was confident of a Durham win, but as Nottinghamshire's run-chase gathered momenturn his players' inexperience told. Fielding errors crept in. bowling became loose, runs leaked away. Nottinghamshire, who should have been stretched to score 34 runs off four overs, sprinted home with three balls in hand. To those used to watching Durham, it was a depressingly familiar

Boon has been brought to the North East in what is tantamount to a last throw of the dice by a club whose brief life as a first-class outfit has been embarrassingly devoid of success. It is a failure that is mirrored in rapidly declining

He is as tough a cricketer as they come, but it may be difficult for Boon to maintain a positive impression in such a



Boon, right, attempts to rally his troops as they head for defeat against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge yesterday. Photograph: Neal Simpson

"My biggest task is to encourage the players to be positive in everything they do," he said. "They must realise that what's gone is gone. Yesterday does not matter. The only thing that is important is what happens now."

It is one thing saying this, another getting the message home. Last week Lancashire's last-wicket pair were permitted to score 146 together. "It was frustrating and we talked about it afterwards. What you have to remember is that this club is only five years old. We have a lot of players young in years and experience. The scars of the past are still

there. Boon has been described by Dean Jones as an "untypical Australian", for the presence

he commands is a firm but calm one. When he arrives at the crease he will pointedly hold up play to survey the field before taking his first ball. In the field there is little handclapping or verbal exhortation

from him. He remains de-

tached, as he coolly assesses Durham's resources.

"It is probably true that I'm quieter than some - though with Jones in the side you did not need to say anything - but if you are going to say something it needs to be fashioned

TRENT BRIDGE SCOREBOARD

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J Botting, N Killeen, S J E Brown and A Walker did not bat. FALL OF WICKETS 1-82, 2-96, 3-122, 4-207, 5-219 BOWLING: Evans 10-1-40-1; Pick 8-1-43-1, Tollay 9-0-40-0; Obwirten: 5-0-25-0, Bales: 10-0-40-2; Archer 8-1-34-1. Umpires: J.C. Balderstone and H.D. Bird

Extras (to 5, w 2)

Total (5 wides, 49.2 overs) _______234

tW M Noon, K P Evans, R 7 Bates and R A
Pick did not bet. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-39, 3-78, 4-161, 5-185

with the right words. I played most of my career under Allan Border and he picked his words carefully. We were great mates and, I suppose, similar in character." If Boon savs little, it is generally accepted that when he speaks people listen.

Inside his first fortnight at Durham he caused a minor controversy by imposing what has been described as a curiew on the players, by insisting that they are in bed by midnight. Boon, who is a stickler for time-keeping, likes to talk about "cricket time" and "normal time". "Cricket time" begins at midnight. "It is not a curfew," he said, "but if it is broken we'll see what hap-

News of the "curfew" has caused wry smiles among

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitakers lead strong **World Cup** challenge

FROM JENNY MACARTHUR IN GOTHENBURG

THEY may have disappointed in Atlanta, but John and Michael Whitaker, Geoff Billington and Nick Skelton, the four members of Great Britain's Olympic show-jumping team, have done little wrong since. After a superb winter, all four have qualified for the Volvo World Cup final that starts here tomorrow. On recent form, any one of them could win. John Whitaker, who won

the World Cup on Milton in 1990 and 1991, has had his best winter season, winning the World Cup qualifiers in Berlin, Bologna and Paris. He has the advantage this week of riding two in-form horses -Grannusch, 18. his Bologna winner, whom he intends to use in the opening speed class tomorrow, and Welham, 17, whom he will keep for the last

two legs of the competition. Michael Whitaker has headed the Western European League this season, despite being without his top horse, Two Step. Success has come on the nine-year-old, & Hedges International and Ashley, a former foxhunter champion, who has stepped neatly into Two Step's shoes.

Significantly, on his last outing in the Dutch World Cup qualifier three weeks ago, he relegated Hugo Simon, of Austria, and ET, the holders of the World Cup and favourites to win again, to

second place. None of the 45 riders in the final has a more able horse than Billington, with It's Otto. The 11-year-old, sixth in Atlanta, was runner-up in Berlin and third in both Bologna and Paris. If Billington, who has only qualified for the final once before, can produce a good opening round in the influential speed leg tomorrow, he will have a

good chance. Skelton, the winner in 1995 with Dollar Girl, has had a harder time qualifying than the other three but his horses look to have hit form at the right time. He has brought Zalza, on whom he was runner-up in Bordeaux in February, and Showtime. He will decide after the warm-up class today which he rides.

GOLF

Faldo eases Ryder Cup choice with **PGA** move

By John Hopkins **GOLF CORRESPONDENT**

NICK FALDO'S surprise decision to return to Great Britain next month to compete in the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth is good news for European golf and the Europe Ryder Cup team, which is captained by Severiano Ballesteros. It gives Faldo another opportunity to try to win enough money to qualify for Ballesteros's team as of right and not to have to depend on being chosen as one of the captain's two selections. It also adds lustre to the showpiece event of the European

Money may have had something to do with Faldo reversing his decision not to play in Britain before mid-summer The first prize is a hefty £183,330. It also helps that the West Course is one of Faldo's favourites and that the PGA was the first professional tournament that he won.

Faldo had a two-week so-journ in Britain at about the same time last year, when he finished twelfth in the Benson runner-up in the PGA a week later. He said then that the high winds at The Oxfordshire the week before the PGA affected his preparation for the US Open and were a contributing factor in his original decision to compete solely in the United States until mid-summer.

India, who beat Scotland in the group matches of the 1996 Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's, have not been invited back to Scotland for this year's event. India's 2-1 defeat of the host country was one of the biggest upsets in the history of the competition.

Wales, Canada, and Italy have also been excluded. Their places are taken by Argentina. France, South Korea, and

Taiwan. □ John Daly, of the United States, who signed a \$10 million endorsement deal with Wilson after winning the US PGA Championship in 1991, has been dropped by the equipment company, on his 31st birthday and a month after he indulged in a drunken spree at the Players' Championship.

COMPANY GOLF DAYS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE: Floride 12 Sen Diego
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Mets 15. Chromnati 2; Allianta 14 Los
Angeles 0; Chobgo Cuts 5 Montreat 2;
Colorado 7 Houston 8, St Louis 5 San
Francisco 2.

BASKETABALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern Conference: New York 104 Charlotte 95 (New York win best-of-fire series 3-0), Western Conference: Utah 104 Los Angeles Cippers 82 (Utah win 3-0). BOXING

HULL: British testifierweight champion-ship (12 mds): Paul Ingle (Scarborough holder) bt Michael Aldis (Crewley) rel 11th md. British weiterweight championship eliminator (10 mds). Spencer McCrackes (Birminghem) bt Dennis Benry (Derby) ric 10th md. Feather (4 rds): Rocky Tumbul Bnotingion) stew with Eddie Size (Highbury). Light (4 mds). Tomcho Torachev (Bul) bt Wayne Jones (Seltash) sc; 1st md. Light-weiter (8 mds): Andy Holisgan (Liverpool) bt Rimidae Bittus (Lith) pts. Super-middle (8 mds): Cris Johnson (Cer) bt Mian Konecny (Cz) pts. Heavy (4 mds): Craig Bowen-Price (Manchaster) bt Waldemer Fremas (Pol) pts. Heavy (4 mds): Craig Bowen-Price (Manchaster) bt Waldemer Fremas (Pol) pts. Heavy (4 mds): Craig Bowen-British (And Heavy (3 mds): Konn McBride (Clones) bt Stoyan Stoyanov (Bull) rsc 1st md.

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CRICKET

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shire 170-6 dac "Wretin College 176-8: William Hulme 129 "King's, Macclesfield 130-2; XL Club 171-7dec "St Edmund's Ware 172-9 denotes home team FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPION-SHIP: Group one; Greece 2 Crostis 0 (in NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second div Chesterfield () Stockport County 1. SPALDHNG CUP: Final, second leg: Gdderminster () Macclestield () (act. 1-1 on

FOOTBALL

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Corby v Reurds 1: Soliubil Boro v Moor
Green Southern division: Farcham v
Weymouth; St Loonards v Forest Green
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MINERVA SOUTH MEDILANDS LEAGUE:

Harpenden v London Colney

Kick-off 7:30 unless stated

England v Georgia (at Wembley, 8.0)

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ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Pool A (Helsin-ki): Russia 5 Germany 1; Slovaka 5 France 3 Pool B (Turku): Italy 5 Laivia 4; United Stares 3 Norway 1. LACROSSE

SPEEDWAY

TOKYO: Women's World Cup: Wales 9 Canada 8; United States 7 England 5; Australia 9 Scotland 3.

RUGBY LEAGUE AUSTRALIAN SUPER LEAGUE: Brisbane Broncos 34 Canterbury Buildogs 16; Canberra Reiders 30 Perth Western

SPEEDWAY STAR CUP: Wolverhampton 44 (P Karisson 13, M Karisson 11) Bradford 46 (M Lorem 11, J Screen 10) (Bradford quality for northern section semi-finals). PREMIER LEAGUE CUP: Easter 64 (M Coles 14, P Jeffery 14, L Lanhern 14, G Gordon 13) Skagness 25 (W Carter 8).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

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Sunderland v Blackpool (7.0). Second
division: Burnley v Strewsbury (7.15). Hull v
Mansfield (7.0), York v Carlisle (7.0) Third
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Sounthorpe (7.0): Liconi v Rochalde (7.0):
Scarborough v Doncaster (7.0)
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Caemerton v Holywell (7.46): Carmerton
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NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Perinth v Black-pool Rovers EBSEX SENTOR LEAGUE: Pramier di-vision: Bowers v Burnham Ramblers vision: Bowers v Burnham Hambiers JEWSON LEAGUE: League Cup: Final: Harwich and Parkesion v Haverhal

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klick-atl 7.30 Second division Bramley v Batley NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE:

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those who remember that

Boon, who has come to county

cricket late at the age of 36,

once put away 42 cans of beer

on a flight from Sydney to London. "I like a beer and so

do most people, but if we're

quoting Dean Jones you'll find

he says in his book that I was

rarely out of bed after ten

o'clock. It is very important to

That is not a problem that

has so far troubled Durham.

"We must think about win-

ning matches rather than just saving them," he said. "But

one of the hardest lessons is

learning how to win. We will

be a much better side for one

win under our belt." How it

will be achieved - and how

Boon's faith in the sporting

cycle will survive the next two

years - remain to be seen.

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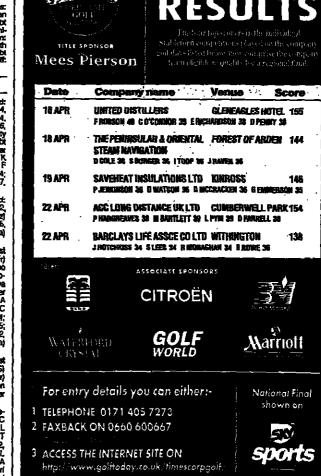
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7-6; A Coessar (SA) to the scales vicinity 6-1, 6-2.

HAMBURG: Women's tournament: First round: P Sures (Agr) bt A Grossman (US) 6-4, 6-3; B Ritter (Ger) bt S Kloesel (Ger) 6-1, 5-7, 6-2; F Label (Arg) bt A Carlsson (Swel 6-3, 6-2; M Pierce (Fi) bt P Schnyder (Swel; 6-1, 6-1)

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RUGBY UNION: COACH CONDUCTS MASTERCLASS FOR TOURING PARTY'S PIVOTAL MEN



Alred casts a critical eye over the punting prowess of, from left, Healey, Dawson, Grayson and Jenkins at Franklin's Gardens yesterday

Jenkins kicks back to health

ny resemblance be-tween Northampton's homely ground at Franklin's Gardens and the great rugby stadiums of South Africa is entirely coincidental. but they have in common a stretch of green and goal posts, which, yesterday, was sufficient for Neil Jenkins, the Pontypridd stand-off half. He resumed goal-kicking after an enforced six-week break and now the departure of the British Isles team to South Africa cannot come soon

Jenkins is the most prodigious scorer of international points in the British game, his tally standing at 534 when a broken left forearm removed him from Wales's game against England in Cardiff last month. The injury, which occurred in an accidental colli-

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SHEMOZZLE

GOLIARDS

Carmina Burana.

attributed by some to George Peele.

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BIDDY

WORD-WATCHING

(a) For Bridget. A generic term for an Irish serving-maid, as Mike or Mick is for an Irish labourer. Such names were once

very common: for example, Jack Pudding, a buffoom Jack Tar, a sailor, Tommy Atkins, a soldier. Biddy also denotes a hen, sometimes chick-a-biddy. Also, in English dialect, a louse.

(c) There was a bit of a shemozzle. There was something of a fuss. a

bit of a rumpus or a rough and tumble. Shemozzle (bad luck) is a

(a) Wandering scholars and clerks of the 12th and 13th centuries.

(c) A blockhead, a silly ass. Poll is head, and doddy is the modern

dotty, silly, from the verb to dote, to be foolish or silly. There is a comedy called The Wisdom of Doctor Doddypoll (c. 1595),

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qxd4! exd4: 2, e7 and the pawn costs Black his queen, leaving White a

David Hands, rugby correspondent, sees a player on whom the British Lions will surely depend get back to business yesterday

sion with Richard Hill - the England flanker but, next month, a probable team-mate with the Lions - threatened Jenkins's tour, but he has made a speedy recovery.

Indeed, the rest will have done him good. Pontypridd's challenge for the Welsh League title has not suffered unduly and Jenkins could play in one of their remaining games - against Bridgend. Newport and Newbridge though the Lions management does not deem it necessary. It does, however, regard as vital the wellbeing of Jenkins's 25-year-old right boot, which should prove a potent weapon in South Africa.

Jenkins joined three other Lions - Paul Grayson, Matt Dawson and Austin Healey at Northampton for the latest in a series of kicking clinics given by Dave Alred, the Bristol-based coach who will be accompanying the Lions in South Africa. Grayson is already an acknowledged points-scorer, though, like Jenkins, he has been unable to kick over the past seven weeks because of the hip injury that

Northampton and England. Dawson and Healey, the two scrum halves, attended to work on their punting skills.

has kept him out of action for

adding goal-kicking to his bow

— a facet which he last exercised on Orrell's behalf. By the time we are through, a dozen players will be involved and all of them will be doing some form of general punting." Alred said.

Aired, who helped England during the 1995 World Cup in South Africa, believes that Jenkins will be kicking goals from the halfway line in the rarefied atmopshere on the veldt, while the player himself, who has played in Johannesburg and Bloemfontein for Wales and Pretoria with Pontypridd, knows that a drop-out though it has been put to on his own 22 will carry to the Healey that he might consider opposition dead-ball line. youngsters, however, that an acknowledged master of his trade such as Jenkins is happy to accept whatever advice Alred can impart. He has received little formal coaching. apart from the contributions made by two uncles. Andrew and Peter Chinnock, in his youth, but understands that a specialist such as Alred may perceive and correct some small technical flaw as soon as it appears.

It is a lesson for ambitious

What needs to be instilled in them is that, when you are on the veldt, the temptation is to smash the ball, whereas you want to make sure that the timing is right and let nature take over." Alred said. The Lions will certainly hope that Jenkins can do what comes naturally in the weeks

Walkinshaw opens up the fast lane to Kingsholm

By David Hands

IF GLOUCESTER are committed to returning to the fast lane of English rugby, as they say they are, they could have found no better backer than the one announced yesterday. called vagi scholars and cierks of the Lath and Lath centuries, called vagi scholars aut goliardi. There are references to their belonging to "the house of Golias". Or they may have taken their name from Goliath of Gath, or gula the Latin for gullet or gluttony. Goliardic verse consists of satire against the Church, and praise of the delights of love-making and drinking. Its unabashed hedonism is pagan and full of carpe diem, eg. Tom Walkinshaw, whose TWR Group controls the Arrows Formula One motor racing team, has injected more than E2 million into the club, and he wants it to be a longterm investment.

Walkinshaw, 50, joins the ranks of owner-investors that began when Sir John Hall took over Newcastle Gosforth. Walkinshaw, a Scot, who lives 40 minutes away from Kingsholm in Chipping Norton, has taken a 73 per cent stake in the club, which will guarantee their ability to build on a season in which success has meant remaining in the first division.

It is not his first venture into rugby, which he played as a boy before suffering an ankle injury. He has supported Preston Lodge in his home town of Prestonpans, but, since living in Oxfordshire, he has been a

regular visitor to Gloucester, where he is often to be found on the Shed side - the popular standing area.

"Next to motor racing, rug-by's the sport I love most," Walkinshaw, whose group has an annual turnover approaching £300 million, said. Gloucester have always been my local club and when I was approached [last December] to see if I was interested, it was a big challenge. It's a great honour and an exciting opportunity to help them to build into one of the top teams in the country."

A week earlier, Gloucester signed Philippe Saint-André. the France captain last year, and more international newcomers are expected. "It's a big weight off my mind," Richard Hill, the director of rugby, said. "As a coach, I can begin to build for the future, but my philosophy is to build slowly. We don't want to change Gloucester radically, now that the money is in, but to sustain the club's ethos." Walkinshaw expects to

watch his new acquisition play Bath this evening in the Cour-age Clubs Championship, which may offer Gloucester's weary players a fresh incentive to do well. Little save pride hangs on the three first division games this evening, though, if London Irish beat Saracens, it could affect the play-off matches next week, which also involve Bristol and, from the second division, Coventry and Bedford.

Two English and two Welsh officials have been included in the first merit-based list of international referees to be announced by the International Rugby Football Board. Ed Morrison (England) will handle Australia's game with New Zealand on July 26 and Derek Bevan (Wales) takes charge of New Zealand v South Africa (August 9). They are joined by Brian Campsall and Clayton Thomas, together with Joel Dume (France), Wayne Eriksson and Peter Marshall (Australia). Paddy O'Brien and Colin Hawke (New Zealand).

TELEVISION CHOICE Back, but on a different road

Antiques Roadshow BBC1, 7.00pm

Those who thought that the roadshow had ended its present run last Sunday may be puzzled to see that it has apparently resurfaced. This new series, which confusingly bears the same title, is actually a spin-off which aims to squeeze yet more out of the format that regularly draws ten million viewers. One of the regular strands is recalling old shows through archive lootage. Fans of the wonderful Arthur Negus in particular can look forward to enjoying again some of his finest moments. The other main plank is following up some of the more notable finds from the past 20 years. Each programme will explore one subject in detail, begin-ning with a naval hero, Horatio Nelson, and HMS Victory. The irreplaceable Hugh Scully presides.

Planet Showbiz Channel 4, 8,30pm

The comedian, Mark Lamarr, who, despite his Cockney accent, was born in Swindon, crosses the Atlantic to seek out some of the wackier manifestations of American popular culture. Having warmed up for the task on Shooting Stars, Lamarr finds himself at home. One of the items, about the Kevin Bacon game, may be familiar. The idea is to link film stars with Bacon in six moves or fewer. It is an intriguing idea, but tame stuff beside a medically incorrect surf band that campaigns for a medically incorrect surface that that then than thin.

Lamarr also meets Judy Olausen, who uses photographs of her mother to lampoon the traditional wife/mother role of American women. Then there is a magician. Lamarr hates magicians, but he makes an exception for David Blaine, a young street entertainer capable of putting new life into a tired genre.

Modern Times: Shampoo

After You've Gone

BBC2. 9.00pm Whatever people talk about to their hairdressers it does not apparently, include the merits of the European single currency or even that great British standby, the weather, at least not in this film, which was made in fly-on-the-wall style by purting hidden cameras in four London salons. The topic of conversation for these customers

The Jewish community in the East End areas has

shrunk to little more than a tenth of the original

100,000-plus who lived there a century ago. Alan Dein speaks to some of the survivors. His

programme could so easily have degenerated into

a lament for the death of old days and old ways, but

After You've Gone is anything but a wake. It is

much more of a celebration of an era of resilient

survival. As long as there are cheerful old-timers

left such as Jack and Sadie, and Anna, a life-long

communist, and Joe, a sightless baker, and as long

as they are still able to recount their memories of

the imperishable characters who dwelt in the ghetto that used to be called "London's Israel", the East End obsequies will have to be put on hold.

Lamarr and Bacon (C4, 8.30pm)

follows a very narrow path. Take away see and there is not a great deal left, though the lens does capture a lottery winner who is £2.7 million before off yet still. bless her, goes to bingo every week. It might have been different if the carneras had not. been hidden (the victims were told afterwards and agreed to let the footage be shown), but the talk is very explicit, not to say coarse. Milder programmes than this have resulted in BBC switchboards being bombarded with complain

Heroes of Comedy: Alastair Sim

Channel 4, 9,00pm Anybody under 35 would be hard pushed to remember Alastair Sim, of the bald head, boggling-eyes and toothy grin, though John Fisher's excellent profile firmly establishes him as one of our greatest comedy actors. His stage work was our greatest comedy actors. His stage work was ephemeral, but his films survive and even the weakest of them demonstrates his qualities. In truth, he made few outstanding films, but he never gave a bad performance. Nigel Hawthorne, Stephen Fry and Patricia Routledge, who know a thing or two about playing comedy, are among those paying tribute to Sim's consummate technique, attention to detail and delicate, understated style. On the personal side, there are affectionate memories from Sim's widow and daughter; but he remains the private man who never gave interviews or signed autographs and even turned down a knighthood.

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RADIO CHOICE

Evening Concert Classic FM, 8.00pm.

Two years before writing the music that perfectly matched the visual shocks in Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho, Bernard Herrmann's score gave an extra twist to the corkscrew tension in Hitchcock's classic. thriller. Vertigo, and we hear it tonight in a programme devoted entirely to film music. For me. the highlight is Ralph Vaughan Williams's score for Scott of the Antarctic, complete with unnecessary wind machine. We also hear Korngold's terrific music for The Adventures of Robin Hood and Makolm Arnold's for Inn of the Such Happiness. In contrast, Disney's Fantasia set animated action to music already written by a variety of celebrated composers, not the other way

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. News on the hour, 6300am Newsday 6.30

Europe Today 7.30 World Today 7.45 Sports blemational 8.15 Off the Shell 8.30 Meridian Live 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15

RADIO 1

7.00am Kevin Greening, includes 7.30 Newsbeat 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Jo While, 2.00pm Nacky Campbell 4.00 Mark Off the Shelf 8.30 Merician Live 9.10 Pause for Thought 9.15 Concert Hait 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Farming World 10.30 BBC English 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.30 One Planet 12.30pm Sports International 1.05 World Business Report 1.15 Britain Today 1.30 Science Update 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Megamix 4.05 Sports Roundup 4.15 Performance 4.30 News in German 5.00 Europe Today 5.30 Business Report 5.45 Britain Today 6.15 World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.30 The World Today 6.30 News in German 6.45 Sports Roundup 7.30 Multitrack: X-Press 9.00 Newshour 10.05 Business Report 10.15 Britain Today 10.30 On Screen 11.30 World Today 11.45 Sports Roundup 12.05em Outlook 12.30 Multitrack X-Press 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 1.50 Press 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 1.50 Press 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today Goodler 6.15 Newsbeat 6.30 Landon Music Week, with Steve Lamag and John Peel at the Shepherd's Bush Empire 10.30 Mary Anne Hoobs 1.00am Care Sturgess 4.00 Cive Warren

RADIO 2

6.00am Sarah Kemady 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jenny Young 1.30pm Debbie Thrower 3.00 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Durn 7.00 Nick Barradough 8.00 Folk on Two 9.00 Farpor: Commenton—the First 30 Years 9.30 As Time Goes B; 10.00 Horabo Homblower 10.30 Richard Alimson 12.05am Steve Madden 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Moming Reports 6.00 The Brealdast Programme 9.00 The Magazine 12.00 Midday with Mair 2,00pm Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Imentale Nationwide 5.25 International Footbal ght. Ian Payne repoduces action from the World Cup latitung games featuring Sweden v Scotland and England v qualifying games featuring Sweden v Scotland and England v Georgia 10,00 Dominik Dramond 11,00 Brian Hayes's Election Night 12,30 After Hours with John Diamond 2,00am Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

TALK RADIO 5.00am Chris Ashley and Sandy Warr 7.00 Paul Ross 9.00 Scott Chisholm 12.00 Lorraine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Deeley 7.00 Moz Dee's Sportszone 10.00 James Whale 1.00am Ian Collins

Press 1.30 From Our Own Correspondent 1.45 Britain Today 2.30 Omnibus 3.30 Meridian Books 4.05 World Business Report 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 Europe Today CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths 7.00 Mike Read 10.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Bection '97 1,00pm Lunctime Concerto, Haydin (Horn Concerto in D Major) 3,00 Jamie Crick 7,00 Classic Newsnight with John Brurning 7.30 Sonata J. S. Bach (Recorder Sonata in G. Minor, BW/1034) 8.00 Evening Concert. See Choice 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00mm (Lunchtime Concerto (r)

VIRGIN RADIO

6.30am Russ 'n' Jono 10.00 Graham Dene 1.00pm Jeremy Clark 4.00 Nicky Home 6.00 Paul Coyte (FM) / Robin Banks (AM) 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Randal Lee Rose

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, includes Beethoven (Symphony No 4 in B flat); Greg (Violin Sonata in G, Op 13 No 2); Shostakovich (Prelude and Fugue, Op 87 No 15); Schubert, err Reimann (Mignon, Lieder); Ponchelli (Dance of the Hours, La Groconda)

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9.00 Morning Collection, with Perny Gore. Includes Grieg (Peer Gynt, Suite No 1); Sarasate (Zigeunerweisen); Gershwin (Piano Concerto in F)

10.00 Musical Ecounters, with Edward Blakeman Includes Morley (It Was a Lover and His Lass); Rosseter (What Then is Love?); Dowland (Wit Thou Unkind Reave Me Thus); Stravinsky (Concerto in D); Britain (Winter Words). Jacques Hétu (Ondes Martenot Concerto); Elgar (The Dream of Gerontius, Pan One)

12.00 Composer of the Weelc Haydin, Includes Symphony No 31 in D (Homsignal)

1.00pm Birmingham Lunchtilime Concert. A recital given last week in Studio One, Birmingham, by Alexander Rozhdestvensky, violin, and Walter Delahunt, plano. Bartok (Volin concerto No 1): Stravinsky (Suite fallierne)

2.00 Michweek Cholos, with Susan Sharpe, Includes Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Mompou (Variations on a Theme of Chopin); William Russell (Street Music). Call 0171-785 4308 to hear your selection on air

4.00 Choral Evensong, Live from Worcester Cathedral 5.00 Music Machine. Tommy Pearson looks back at the glam rock era of the 1970s and assesses David Bowle's role within it

5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas, Includes Sibelius (Finlandia); Franck (Grand Capnoe); Berners (The Triumph of Neptune); Reinecke (Plano Concerto No 1 in F Sharp Minor).

7.30 Trouble in Tahiti. Sandy Burnett introduces a double bill of American opera from the 1940s and 1950s. Recorded at the Radio Theatre, Broadcasting House in London, with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Marlyn Brabbins With Rebecca Caine, soprano, and David Barrell, bartione. Gian Carlo Menotti (The Telephone): Bernstein (On the Town: Three Dance Episodes) 8.05 The Road to Tahiti. Humphrey Burton discovers the route that took Bernstein from musical to opera via Tahiti 8.25 Concert part two With Kim Criswell, mezzo, David Barreli, baritone, and Rebecca Caine, soprano. Bernstein (Trouble and Rebecca Caine, soprano, Bernstein (Trouble in Tahiti) in Tahiti)

9.20 Icarus Rising: Let's Kill the Moonlight.
Continuing the series of programmes locusing on writers' obsession with man's wish to fly (3/5)

9.45 A Touch of Romance. Budapest Strings, under haroly Botvay, includes Sibelius (Romance for Strings, Op 42)

10.00 Ensemble, Penny Gora introduces a recital by Andrew Wilde, prano Beethoven (Sonata in C.)

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10.45 Night Waves, Humphrey Carpenter explores the life and work of the literary journalist and essayist Cyril Connolly, Plus a review of the latest Glen Tetley piece for the Royal Ballet

11.30 Composer of the Weelc Rachmaninov (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes. The second of three concerts leaturing Andy Sheppard's Moving Image recorded at Rornie Scott's in Birmingham

1.00am Through the Night, Includes 1.00 Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, under Riccardo Chally, Debussy (La Mes); Loevendie (Piano Concerto), Stravinsky (The Rife of Spring)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW) 6.00 News Bnefing 6.10 Farming Today 8.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today 8.50 Election Broadcast by the Liberal Democrats 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Election Cail. On the eve of the general election, Peter Sissons puts listeners' questions to the leader of the Conservative party. John Major. Call 0345 514 514 10.00 News; Survivors: The Estonia Survivors' Story (FM). The Estonia sank in the Batitic Sea on September 28 1994 with the loss of over 850 lives.

September 28 1994 with the loss of over 650 lives. John Man talks to Kent Harstedt and Sara

Hedrenkus who kept each other alive during the long hours after the ship had floundered (2/6) 10.00 Daily Service (L.W) 10.15 On This Day (L.W) 10.30 Woman's Hour, with Jenni Murray 11.30 Gardeners' Question Time, with Eric Robson, Nigel Colbom. Anne Swithinbank and Pippa Greenwood for Greenwood (r)
12,00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and

12,00 News; You and Yours. Consumer news and current atlains with Lesley Riddoch
12.25pm Impertal Palace. Amold Bennett's novel, dramatised by Pater Ling. With Robin Ellis and Derek Waring (A/4) 12,55 Weather
1.00 The World at One, with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Hydre. A new series by Ronald Frame set in a luxury hotel in the Scottish Highlands. With Eliza Langland, David Rintoul. Shelle Donald and Ann Scott Jones (1/4)
2.45 Treasure Islands. Jamila Gevin discusses her work which crosses British and Indian culture
3.00 News; The Atternoon Shift. Includes a look at Phill Smith and his group of fiftysomething triends

Phil Smith and his group of fiftysomething triends as they set out for Byzantium in search of spiritual

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. Paul Gambacchi sees Johnny Depp and Al Pacino in the new gangster film Darnie Brasco and considers the contribution John Wayne made to the film industry.

4.45 Short Story: The Peacocks, by Barbars Anderson. Read by Tracy Ann Oberman 5.00 PM 5.45 Election Broadcast 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 Brain of Britain (r) 7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 The Coroner. A final look at the world of life and death behind the scenes with the West Yorkshire Coroner's office (6/6)

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8.05 Music under Dictatorships. Michael Oliver Investigates the impact Benito Mussolini had on musical life in Italy (4/4)

8.35 After You've Gone. See Choice

9.00 Costing the Earth. Jeremy Chertas tooks at the lifesthood of Western intervention in the environmental disaster caused by the shrinking of the Aral Sea in Central Asia, one of the many ecological problems associated with decades of Soviet rule

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9.30 Kateldoscope (r) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight, with Robin Lusting

10.45 Book at Bedtime: One of Ours, by Willa Cather.

Read by lan Porter (8/12)

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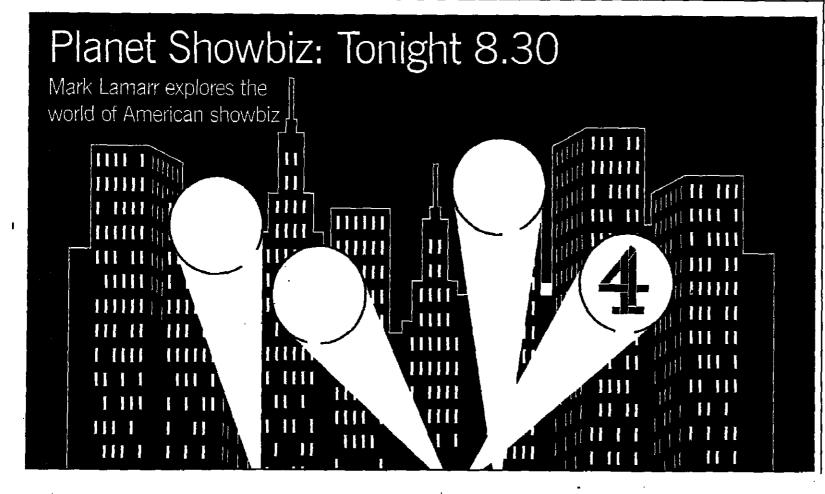
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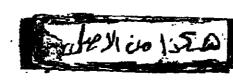
11.30 Kathmandu or Bust. A comedy by David Napithine and Mike Yearnan With Michelle Chadwick and Sarah Crowden (2/8) (r).

12.00 News 12.30am The Late Book: High Fidelity, by Nick Homby Read by Alan Davies (8/10).

12.48 Shipping Forecast 1.00 As World Service.

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Con-men duo are caught 'bang to rights'

The indecent haste with which the powers-that-be at TTV have brought back their new double act, Abbott and Green. should have done them no favours, After all, it's just a few weeks since Paul Abbott's script enabled Robson Green to plant a rainy smacker on the lips of Francesca Annis in Reckless and here they were again last night in Touching Evil (ITV) - Green playing a policeman and Abbott using up one of the scripts he had left over from Cracker.

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So let's get the rest of the cynical stuff over at the start. It's another police series, which was not exactly imaginative and within ten minutes it was a more familiar sort of double act. "Both of you," growled Commander Enwright (Michael Feast) of the Organised and Serial Crime Unit, imperiously dispatching both DI Creegan (Green) and DI Taylor (Nicola Walker) to St Albans to solve a series of child abductions. The sharp-eyed am-

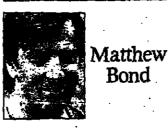
ong you will have noticed that Di Taylor was a woman. The official line at this stage, agreed in the departure lounge of Stuttgart Airport, was that they don't fancy each other. We shall see.

New paragraph, same cynicism.

Creegan's character is straight out of the cupboard marked successful stereotypes - bit of a loner. healthy disregard for rules, doesn't like answering to anybody. Well, I never. As for Green's performance - it's exactly the same as the one he gave in Reckless. In fact, the only way of telling Creegan and Owen Springer apart is that Creegan has a scar on his forehead, caused by an ill-advised collision with a bullet. We sorted that out at Stuttgart airport, too.

Still cynical, sorry. The structure of Abbott's script closely resembled the favoured format of Cracker, in that we know (or at least we think we know) whodunnit almost from the outset. We know thanks to a preposterous ten minutes in which Creegan spotted daffodils (in December, mind you) at ten paces, yellow Volvos at a hundred yards and recalled an identical case two years ago in . . . Stuttgart. You could tell he'd been to university, couldn't you?

s that enough cynicism? Probably. Because there was good news, albeit of a predictable kind. Creegan and Taylor (you can see why they didn't call it that) may be just another police double act, but Walker was one of the few people to walk away from Chalk with her reputation intact and deserves a second chance. As for Green's performance, it was enormously popular in Reckless and I'm sure it will be again here, aided and abetted by a riveting contribution from Ian McDiarmid as Hinks, the chief and only suspect. However, I still have reservations about Abbott's over-stylised, Bond



but underliably well-paced, script, not least because of the presence of Cyril, the over-weight psychic, who sees things "through the clouds". We left him last night, suffering a serious attack of asthma by psychic proxy. Buy that and you're all set for part two.

Over on Channel 4, One Night Stand, a Cutting Edge special, managed to encapsulate much of what is wrong with modern documentary-making. A cheap come-on of a title, some deeply unimaginative research, intrusive camerawork and a tedious hour spent in the company of four people convinced that the sun shone out of their sex lives.

From the outset, Edmund Coulthard, the director, made it clear that this was a film about people who deliberately set out for one night stands, rather than encounter them accidentally. It was a decision that robbed his film of much of its potential humour and -- how can I put this delicately - a possible reference point or two for those watching.

It was also a decision that led straight to his far too predictable subjects: the self-consciously single mother, a promiscuous gay male and, inevitably, two "lads" who shared a house and a laddish lifestyle together. All four were united by a single over-riding urge: to be on television.

They would do anything. "OK if we film you getting into the bath, Jean-Yves?" Fine, said our glad-tobe-gay man from Réunion. "How about holking your tights up, Bonnie? I'm wearing trousers, will my friend's do? They would. "Mark mate, how about we mike you up while your former girlfriend tells you that she's 24 and doesn't want to be just a shag?" 'Andsome.

Part one was getting ready and talking, endlessly, about "it", Part two was clubbing and part three, after a symbolic montage of blurred headlights, was the morning after. Mathematically the success rate was 75 per cent, but it gradually became apparent that the picture was more complex than that. One of the lads had slent with an "ex" (yes, the same one) which hardly counted, while the other two appeared to be at the start of something more.

CHANNEL 4

6.00am Sesame Street (r) (42363) 7.00 The

10.00 The Story of Gilbert and Sullivan (1953) A lavish blopic with Robert Morley, Maurice Evens and Wilfrid Hyde White.

12.00 Retbusters A look at the work of two

12.30pm Light Lunch Cookery, chat and audience participation (43059)

2.00 Pony Soldier (1953) with Tyrone Power

A western adventure about a Mountie in America trying to persuade a tribe of Cree Indians to release their captives and return to Canada. Directed by Joseph

3.30 Collectors' Lot (T) (943) 4.00 Fitteen-to-

6.00 Party of Five Teen drama series (T)

and weather at 7.30 (2011)

One (T) (450) 4.30 Countdown (T) (634) 5.00 Ricki Lake (T) (3030) 5.30 Pet

discovers Gladys has written a living will. Will Jacqui fall prey to Ben's charms? Max

overcome with emotion while out with

Planet Showbiz Mark Lamarr presents a new series about the American showbiz scene (1) (8721)

Heroes of Comedy: Alastalı

Sim A tribute to the comic

men who tackle dry rot (r) (T) (16671)

Wilfrid Hyde White (39127)

11,55 Labrythm Computer animation (5372653)

1,30 Australia Wild (t) (1) (32214)

M. Newman (T) (85127)

Rescue (T) (214)

Offie (T) (9214)

Big Breaktast (70059) 9.00 Bewitched (r) (1) (93837) 9.30 Those British Faces

featuring the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Malcolm

Sargent. Directed by Sidney Gilliat

An unspecified number of weeks later. Bonnie and her fling were tip-toeing round the dread word "commitment" and Jean-Yves was looking rather mournful about not having shown a little more of it to David. The conclusion? Life is thankfully a lot more complicated than the makers of trite documentaries would have you believe.

But nothing like as complicated as it's getting for Gary Sparrow (Nicholas Lyndhurst) in Good-night Sweethcart (BBCI): "Tomorrow [1] have two wives, 54 years apart and, in a few months time, a kid old enough to be my father." Helped by the seamless recasting of Elizabeth Carling and Emma Amos in the female leads and the ever-reliable Victor McGuire, the series is showing surprisingly little sign of running out of steam. Last night, it even notched up a television first - a rude and very funny joke about reflexology. And no, you can't do it to yourself.

BBC 1 6.00am Business Breakfast (59653) 7,00 BBC Breakfast News (70171924) 9.05 Election Call Prime Minister John Major

answers questions posed by viewers on the eve of the general election (9870295) 10.00 Style Challenge (41059) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (99011) 11.00 News (T) Regional News and Weather

11.05 The Really Useful Show (9593450) 11.35 Snooker: World Championship Cover age from the quarter-finals at Sheffield's Crucible Theatre (3762634)

12.35pm Good Living (9117127) 1.00 News (T) and weather (57108)

1.30 Regional News (50747011) 1.45 Neighbours (40632437) 2.10 Snooker and Racing Snooker. Dougle Donnelly introduces live coverage of the

quarter-finals from Shelfield. Racing from Ascot: Julian Wilson introduces the 3.05 Insulpak Segaro Stakes and 3.40 Insulpak Victoria Cup (493547) 4.00 Monster Cafe (5611740) 4.15 Gadget Boy (8597818) 4.35 Out of Tune

(7844127) **5.00** Newsround (T) (5595276) 5.10 Blue Peter (1) (2788437) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (494837) 6.00 News (T) and weather (189) 6.30 Regional News (769)

Antiques Roadshow Hugh Scully takes a nostalgic look at highlights from previous series (1) (7856) 7.30 Tomorrow's World Philippa Forrester tries out a pressurised chamber for athletes to sleep in; and a pen which

translates languages (1) (653) 8.00 The National Lottery Live Carol Smillie introduces the millionaire-making draw from Glesgow, with guests Ant and Dec

8.10 Ballykissangel A brush with death leaves Ambrose with second thoughts about manying Niamh, and he considers entering the priesthood instead - can Father Clittord and Assumpta persuade him to go ahead with the wedding? (r) (1)

9.00 News (1) and weather (5585) 9,59 National Lottery Update (290180) 10.00 They Think It's All Over Funnyman Stephen Fry joins regulars Gary Uneker. David Gower, Lee Hurst and Rory McGrath for the comedy sports quiz,

hosted by Nick Hancock (T) (81092) 10.30 Sportsnight Desmond Lynam presents extensive highlights of England's crucial World Cup qualifier against the talented Georgians at Wembley. Plus, the pick of Sweden, the Republic of Ireland's the in Romania and Northern Ireland's visit to Armenia. Snooker's World Championship, meanwhile, has reached the quarter-final stage (T) (96818)

12.30am Cops and Robbers (1973) with Cliff Gorman and Joseph Bologna. Light-hearted crime caper about a couple of dollar helst on Wall Street, only to fall foul

1.55 Weather (3551401)

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公司共102 市场上 6.00am O.U.: Living with Cracks (2764837)

6.25 Empowerment (2778672) 6.50 inspection by Torchlight (5712519) 7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8551450) 7.30 Teenage Turtles (r) (4642905) 7.55 The Lowdown (r) (T) (5144479) 8.20 Philbert the Frog (r) (3863924) 8.25 Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (7635301) 8.35 The Raccoons (r) (9362837)

9.00 Discovering Portuguese (3990382) 9.25 Beflef File (8438160) 9.45 Words and Pictures (2645956) 10.00 Teletubbies (32301) 10.30 Numbertime (2854363) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (2859818) 11.00 Moving to English (4034189) 11.20 The Art (7439924) 11.40 Study Ireland:

Geography (6550721) 12.00 The Shape of the World (88905) 12.30pm Working Lunch (15547) 1.00 Geography Collection (70174092) 1.25
Zig Zag (64595740) 1.45 Come Outside (50740108) 2.00 Philbert the Frog (f) (37675566) 2.05 Buzzy Bee and Friends

2.10 Racing from Ascot the 2.30 insulpak Conditions Stakes. Coverage continues on BBC1 (2160721)

2.50 A-Z of Food: H is for Honey (r) (7836818) 3.00 News (T) (7021924) 3.05 Campaign Roadshow (T) (9268059) 3.55 News (T) (6149108) 4.00 Snooker Quarter-final coverage con-tinued from BBC1 (38799617)

5.50 Lifeline (r) (1) (123363) 6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation (r) (T)

(255672)6.45 Snooker The final session of the quarterfinals (454276)

7.30 Black Britain Profile of merchant banker Laurie May (T) (295)

8.00 University Challenge Manchester v Glamorgan (T) (1818) 8.30 Home Front Home improvement



9.00 Modern Times Quirky look at the intimacy of the hairdressers chair. Last in series (T) (378059) 9.50 A Woman Called Smith Profile of transformation of Covent Garden (1)

10.00 Airport Last in series (r) (T) (89634) 10.30 Newsnight (69276)

11.30 Face to Pace Sir Jeremy Isaacs in conversation with Allen Ginsberg, who died earlier this month (r) (941160) 12.10am Close Up (9741642) 12.25 Weather (9072791)

12,36-6.00 O.U.: Environmental Solutions 1.00 Large Scale Production 1.30 It's Only Plastic 2.00 RE Collection 4.00 English Heritage 4.30 Unicel in the Classroom 5.00 Making the Curriculum Work 5,30-6.00 Voluntary Matters

HTV

6,00em GMTV (6058672) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (r) (T) (3997295) 9.55 Regional News (2019382) 10.00 The Time, the Place (36127)

10.30 This Morning (61479943) 12.20pm Regional News (4723011) 12.30 News (T) and weather (9103924) 12.55 Shortland Street (911) 943) 1.24 HTV Crimestoppers (35623566) 1.25 Horne and Away (1) (64580818) 1.50 Afternoon Live (37587568) 2.20 Vanessa (1) (35662063) 2.50 Afternoon Live (5386214)

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3.30 Alphabet Castle (r) (6574295) 3.40 Tots TV (9125450) 3.50 Oscar and Friends (t) (6137363) 3.55 Sooty and Co (6410092) 4.20 Tiny Toon Adventures (T) (5617924) 4.40 Harry's Mad (r) (T) (8659566) 5.10 Bagdad Cafe (r) (1960295)

5.40 News (T) and weather (660943) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (404740) 6.25 HTV Weather (380721) 6,30 The West Tonight (T) (837)

7.00 Emmerdale Chris turns to Zoe in his hour of need (T) (2924)
7.30 Coronation Street Alma busies herself making plans for the future (1) (721)

8.00 The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna The master of meamerism is joined by reth Hunt, Bobby Davro, Vinnie Jone Bob Holness, Roy Barraclough, Debbie Greenwood and Garry Bushell (1) Followed by National Lottery result (7189)



9.00 Prime Suspect IV Did Jane Tennison jail the wrong man back in the original Prime Suspect? A spate of similar murders suggests she committed a terrible blunder in the case that made her name. Suspended from duty, she turns to psychologist lover Patrick Schofleld for moral support - but encounters only betrayal. With Helen Mirren. Continues after the news (r) (T) (4063)

10.00 News (T) and weather (76160) 10.30 Regional News (123547) 10.40 Prime Suspect IV Conclusion of tonight's drama (r) (T) (8274547)

11.45 Hunter (r) (159721) 12.15am Beadle Late Adults-only mayhem presented by the Jermey Beadle (39046)

12.45 Movie Club (89587) 1.15 Real Stories of the Highway Patrol

1.40 Rougheut (1980) Comic crime caper with Burt Reynolds, Leslie-Anne Down and David Niven. Comic Directed by Don Siegel (491710) 3,35 Not Fade Away (7254791) 4.30 The Time, the Place (r) (47791) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (T) (23523) 5.30

CENTRAL

As HTV West except: 12.55pm-1.25 A Country Practice (9111943) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (1960295) 6.25-7.00 Central News (779837) 11.45 Hightander (423189) 12.40am Dating the Enemy (2344517) 1.45 Club Nation (795265) 2.45 Bonkers (1916802)

WESTCOUNTRY

3.40 The Chart Show (1957352)

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10,45 The Road Show (160837) 6.50 Fresh Pop (135635) 11.15 The Bottom Line (150450) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1). Includes headlines 11.45 Biur in Concert (577363) 8.00 Brookside Elaine is turious when she ANGLIA

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11.30 Snwcer (23653)

12.00 Midnight Special (48178)

1,30-5,25 Under the Moon (9460536)

11.30 Roseanne Now that they are wealthy,

Roseanne and Jackie are invited to an exclusive country club (T) (23653) 12.00 Mildnight Special Vincent Hanna is joined by Roy Hattersley, Steve Norris, Errma Nicholson, Germaine Greer, The Times columnist Matthew Parris and intatives of the opinion pollisters

10.00 ER The staff have an unpleasant lesson

11,00 Friends: The One Where Eddle Moves

In Joey wants to move back in with Chandler - but there is a sneg (r) (T)

actor (1) (8295)

to learn (T) (1382)

1.30am Under the Moon Through-the-night sports magazine featuring NBA XXL, High Five, Board Stupid and Naked Sport 5.25-6.00 Backdate with Valerie Singleton (r)

CHANNEL 5

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz.

6.00am 5 News Early (7280092)

7.30 Havakazoo (2300450) 8.00 Adventures of the Bush Patrol (2935479) 8.30 WideWorld Examining the 15th century Venetian church the Santa dei Miracoli a tine example of early Renaissance church

architecture (2927450) 9.00 Espresso (5927301) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6235450) 10.30 Fame and Fortune: Lennox Lewis (r) (2947214) 11.00 Leeza Chat show (9174498) 11.50 Double Espresso (45731943)

12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (2938566) 12.30pm Family Affairs (r) (T) (9812382) 1.00 5 News Update (92842618)

1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (6937092) 2.00 5's Company (6126437)

3.30 Indiscreet (1988) A romantic drama with Robert Wagner and Lesley-Anne-Down about the clandestine love affair between an actress and a diplomat (4815721)

5.20 5's Company: Late Extra (14702127) 5.30 100 Per Cent Game show without a host 6.00 Whittle Audience participation quiz (T)

(1881498)6.30 Family Affairs Holly wakes up and is shocked to find an unexpected bedmate

7.00 Exclusive Showbiz news (1782684) 7.30 Wild States The musk ox returns to

Alaska (1) (1861634) 8.00 The Great Garden Game from the grounds of Blenhelm Palace where the contestants are set a two-part challenge on the theme of topiary (T) (1791382)

8.30 5 News (1787189) 9.00 Spies, Lies and Naked Thighs (1988) Linda Purl. A comedy thriller about a CIA man's efforts to prevent the assass of the President Directed by James



Jack Docherty (11.00pm)

11.00 The Jack Docherty Show Cornedy and chat (4793473)

11.40 Tibs and Fibs Irreverent medical ouiz presented by Tony Slattery with doctors Phil Hammond, Tony Gardner and Hillary Jones. The guests are Rowland Rivron and Gayle Tuesday (2089856) 12.10am Live and Dangerous Sports maga-

zine featuring US major league baseball 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (4537517)

5.30-6.00 100 Per Cent (r) (2878401)

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6.00am Morning Gory (588058) 9.00 Regs and Kathle Lee (2924) 10.00 Another World (53130) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (61565) 12.00 The Opan Wintrey Show (74214) 1.00ps Garakio (50534) 2.00 Saly Jessy Raphael (57834) 3.00 Jerry Jones (50160) 4.00 Opan with the Stars (78295) 5.00 Sar Trek-The Next Generation (4301) 6.00 Real TV (7853) 6.30 Manifed — with Children (1943) 7.00 The Simptons (5030) 7.20 M*A*S*H (127) 3.00 Severley Hits 90210 (39547) 9.00 Mairosa Piece (\$2634) 11.00 Sax Trek: The Next Generation (12059) 12.00 Arrivor's Dumbost Crimpals (35607) 12.30am LA.P.D. (12468) 1.00 Hz Ms. Long Play (9590813)

7,00pm Superboy- (4012653) 7.30 Superboy (3765480) 8.00 Renegade (1144566) 8.00 New York, Undercover 11570301 10.00 Water Rate (1134185) 11.00 Late Show with David Letterman (6642011) 12.00 Rt 16s (2358352) SKY NEWS

Workdunds news coverage, with bulletins on the hour, 24 hours a day, seven days a week SKY MOVIES

SRY 880-925
6.00mm The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come (1961) (43740) 260 The Long Summer of George Adams (1962) (71214) 10.00 Clean State (1994) (66295) 12.00 Hoer? Little a Wheel (1983) (31637) 2.00pm Problem Child III (1995) (84011) 3.30 Where the River Runs Black (1965) (25189) 5.30 December (1979) (46572) 7.00 Problem Child III (1965) (47083) 9.00 Clean State (1984) (10030) 11.00 Angels and Insects (1985) (70618) 1.00mm Object of Obsession (1994) (422555) 2.40 An Unmarked Woman (1978) (51280554)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL 6.00em Harry Block and the Tiger (1958) (41322) 8.00 The Three Worlds of Guilleer (1959) (7858) 10.00 To Be or Not to Be (1942) (6837) 12.00 Three Chee Up: The Jimmy V Story (1996) (450289) 4.00 The Three Worlds of Guilliver (1959) (4547) 6.00 Laspin' Leprecheurs (1955) (37943) 7.30 El Nens Week in Review (8027) 8.00 Sto Leprecheurs of Separation (1983) (1930) Degrees of Separation (1993) (19301) 10.00 Species (1995) (796818) 11.50 Turescome (1994) (356769) 1.25am Breach of Conduct (1994) (327889) 3.00 Wishman (1995) (2855) 4.30 Tales of

SKY MOVIES GOLD 6.00em Rawhide (1951) (8941634) 8.00 Saetisjuice (1966) (8953479) 10.00 No Marry (1966) (2791547) 11.55 Cherry 2000 (1957) (2964740) 1.35pm Stend Morie (1976) (52454826) 3.05 The Lost World (1960) (7556265) 4.45 Cat Propie

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Sheringham set for England return

Shearer revels in match with perfect partner

By OLIVER HOLT, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE patriotic drum will be beating again, the capacity crowd will be in rude voice and selective memories will be standing by, ready to banish the lingering disappointment of the 1-0 defeat by Italy in February to their darkest re-cesses. England's World Cup group two qualifying match against Georgia at Wembley tonight is as much about recapturing a mood as securing three more points to take them towards the finals in France next year.

This match that seemed as though it might be inconsequential once, sandwiched as it is in the middle of the England campaign, has become a seminal tie now, an encounter that, together with the game against Poland in Katowice next month, will decide whether England can indeed recover their poise and go on to Rome in October with the big prize left to play for.

It is about regaining the momentum built up so painstakingly in the prelude to the European championship last year and then allowed to run wild during the tournament. It is about trying to restore that invaluable feeling of confi-dence that lulled so many supporters into believing that England were favourites to beat the Italians that night at Wembley, even though key players were missing.

The defeat against Italy that

suddenly cast into doubt the ability to qualify for the World Cup punctured much of the euphoria left over from Euro % and the empty victory over Mexico in the international match tast month did little to inflate it again. A victory tonight, though, in a bona fide competitive tie, would bring the "feel-good" factor flooding back.

In some respects, of course. after the loss to an Italian team rejuvenated by the steward-

ship of Cesare Maldini, the rest of the England qualifying campaign seems doomed to be an exercise in damage-limitation, a scramble for second place in the group and qualification via a play-off. But if the mood in the England camp at Bisham Abbey this week has fallen short of a brooding desire for vengeance, it has been characterised by a quiet determination to atone for the poor performance against Itay with a convincing win over

"I have always said that I can see us qualifying for the finals outright," Glenn Hoddle, the England coach,

MATCHES TO COME: Today: England v George; halv v Poland May 31: Poland v England, June 7: Georgia v Moldova, June 14: Poland v Georgia, Sept 10: England v Moldova, Georgia, Sept 10: England v

said yesterday. "I feel we have got the players. Everyone seems to have cast us aside after that one result against italy. Well, as far as I'm concerned we start again on Wednesday, we win the match and we go from there."

In his quest for the spirit of last summer, Hoddle will at last be able to draw not only on the return of David Seaman, absent against Italy, but also on the attacking partnership that was, in many ways, the greatest success of England's drive towards the semi-finals of Euro 96, the pairing of Alan Shearer and Teddy Sheringham.

In each of Hoddle's five games in charge so far, one or the other has been injured, but, even though Sheringham has been suffering from an infected toe this week, both are fit and expected to spearhead the attack against a Georgia defence that conceded only one goal in their defeat in Italy last

The resurrection of their partnership has prompted comparisions with the pairing of Gary Lineker and Peter Beardsley that was so success ful for a previous England "Shearer and

Sheringham had a great summer together," Hoddle said.
"They played extremely well in a couple of games. If you have got two strikers who are similar, that causes problems but these two have got a nice balance. Teddy is somebody who thinks about the game as it is developing."

Shearer, confirmed as the

England captain yesterday, was so studiously non-controversial during his press conference that he refused to acknowledge that Sheringham was his favourite striking partner. He enjoyed playing football, he said, it did not matter who was in attack vith him.

People have always said that Teddy is not quick enough," Shearer said. "But for me, he has got two yards in his head. He is very clever and we link up very well and I think there is scope for our partnership to improve from what it was in Euro 96. But it would be wrong just to mention him.

Finally, Shearer even injected a little humour into his observations, "In some ways, I think Teddy and I are similar," he said. "But I think he is a lot more likely to pass to me than I am to him. If I had the ball, he was in a better position and I had no chance to score, I would still shoot."

ENGLAND (probable): D Searman (Arsenal), G Nevillis (Manchester United), A Adams (Arsenal), S Campbell (Totterham Hotspur), D Backham (Manchester United), P ince (Internacionale), D Batty (Newcastle United), S McMaraman (Inversool), G Le Saux (Blackburn Rovers), E Sheringham (Totterham Hotspurk).



Cronje, right, helps to open a bottle of champagne in Clontarf to start the celebration of Ireland's first victory over a county side

Ireland take the bull by the horns

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN DUBLIN

DUBLIN: Ireland (2pts) beat Middlesex by 46 runs

AN ENGLISH translation of Clontarf is "meadow of the bull" and yesterday, in this north Dublin suburb, Middlesex were the victims of the season's first unlikely bovine charge. Ireland took the four wickets that remained overnight within an hour in this Benson and Hedges Cup match to record their first victory over a county side.

Rejoice with them. Middleto their immense credit did, lining up to greet their victors as they left the field. Ireland played good cricket inthis match and Mike Gatting, the Middlesex captain, would take nothing away from their performance. This was a marvellous day for the undervalued and it was much savoured by the hardy band of Irish cricket-lovers who had gathered to witness the moment of

Afterwards, as radio and P N Weekes c Gillespie b Heasley 24 P E Wellings Ibw b Cronje 23 television crews conducted six

interviews with various play-ers and officials on the outfield, in front of the pleasant club house, people reflected with good cheer on this day of days. Decker Curry's nomination for the gold award, ahead of Hansie Cronje, proved a popular choice, and there was brave talk of beating Essex when they go to Downpatrick

in two weeks' time. Curry, the opening batsman, alas, will not be at Taunton on Friday because of

A R Dunkop, D Heasley, P G Gillespie, G L Mollins and P McCrum did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS 1-72, 2-117, 3-165,

BOWLING: Fraser 10-3-34-1; Cook 9-0-71-0, Hewitt 10-0-53-1; Weekes 10-0-47-1; Turnell 6-0-37-1; Dutch 5-0-29-0.

MIDDLESEX

"We obviously expected Nottingham Forest and Mid-

dlesbrough to do better than

they have," Booker said. "Our

boxed team set of Forest only

reached the stores in October

It wasn't the only disap-pointment caused by Forest —

an original model and mould

of Frank Clark had been

approved for Corinthian's

range of Premiership manag-

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few days before the models

were to due to go into

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Sadiy, for Barnsley fans, the

ton players will soon be where

any footballer aims to be

back in the shop window.

Corinthian could do noth-

production.

Total (4 wkts, 50 overs)

work commitments, but his brilliant 75 set the tone of their innings on Monday and he is hoping to play against Gla-morgan in Cardiff next Monday. If he makes it, go and watch him. Get there early. He may dazzle, or perish

Justin Benson, the Ireland captain and once of Leicestershire, basked in the glow of victory, but remained unhappy about the way that Ireland lost the recent ICC Trophy

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Total (46.4 overs) 235
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-46, 2-69, 3-104, 4-126, 5-133, 6-134, 7-175, 8-180, 9-227

BOWLING Gillespie 8-0-40-0: McCrum 6-0-21-0: Heasley 5-4-0-30-2: Crome 8-0-38-3: Mollins 10-0-44-2 Benson 9-0-45-3

Umpres J W Holder and A A Jones

Gold award: J D Curry.

DUBLIN SCOREBOARD

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Lumpur. "People said we choked." he said, "but it wasn't that. We were complacent that day, and let down Mike Hendrick [the team coach]; but we were sharp in this Middlesex began the day needing to make 148 in 17.4 overs and, after Jamie Hewitt

play-off to Scotland in Kuala

swung Benson to Angus Dunlop at deep mid-wicket, they were 103 short with ten overs to go. It was then that Peter Gillespie, running in 30 yards from long on, took a superb diving catch to dismiss Keith Brown. To reach the ball was

he tumbled over made it a magnificent catch. For a while, Fraser and Tufnell frolicked and, with two wickets in hand, a target of 59 from five overs was just about possible. Fraser, relishing his role with the bat. struck two sixes. Cronje returned to bowl Tufnell, his third wicket to set beside his unbeaten 94, and the game was up when Cook, having

driven Heasley for six, missed

footing on the wet outfield as

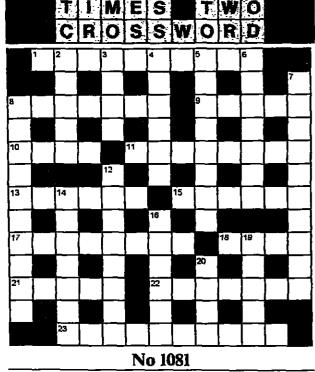
the next ball but one. Fraser was unbeaten with 30. Gatting and Cronje agreed that Curry's early blast gave Ireland an edge that they retained. They have obvious-

ly done their homework on the 50-over game," Gatting said. "They got off to a good stan and, when you stick somebody like Cronje in the middle of it. and he bats as he did, you're up against a pretty good

Benson and Hendrick were

Yorkshire triumph ... Bett off ...

busy men later, as the world and his wife wanted a piece of them. A spectator revealed how, when he heard a report on the BBC World Service the previous night, mentioning how Middlesex were up a gum tree in Dublin, he nearly leapt out of bed in shock. That's the measure of what Ireland's cricketers achieved yesterday. and it was grand to see their pleasure at a job well done.



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11 Residential outskirts (8) 13 Very hot (6) 15 Very nasty (6)

17 Ancien régime Paris prison (8) 18 4 defect (4) 21 Greek th (5) 22 Without guile, embellishment 🝘

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Model professionals toy with the relegation issue

or Stuart Pearce, hero and villain of penalty shoot-oute wast shoot-outs with England and talismanic leader of Nottingham Forest, the game is almost up. One of the most instantly recognisable figures in English football looks doomed to spend next season shut in a cardboard box and locked in a stockroom in High Wycombe.

He will not want for com-

pany, reminders of the harsh reality of relegation from the FA Carling Premiership will be all around. His Forest team-mates will be there for a start and the surrounding 2 Contract; moneybag (5) shelves may be filled by superstars such as Juninho. Love; his London statue (4) Canoe; manager's bench (football) (6) Fabrizio Ravanelli, or perhaps even Julian Dicks, a defender in the Pearce mould. Dorothea's boring husband (Middlemarch) (8)

Among the many pitfalls of the loss of a cherished place in Sleep (7) By a long distance (3.3,4) the Premiership is that whole 8 Crumble away (4.2,4) teams become persona non 12 World's highest lake grata to Corinthian, the Buckinghamshire firm that makes seven centimetre figurines of 16 Lavish (meal) (4-2)

players from leading clubs. Surprise relegation candidates such as Forest and Middlesbrough can cost the company thousands of pounds in lost revenue. The result is that Corinthian fret

it appearing in shops, time for careers and reputations to Andrew Jones on the heavy price to be paid olummet.

for being taken out of the shop window

over the changing fortunes at the foot of the Premiership almost as much as supporters of the clubs that are involved. Gary Booker, marketing director of the company, said: We do not currently have a licence with the Nationwide League, and stores are reluctant to keep players from relegated clubs on their shelves. Once a club leaves the Premiership the focus is off

them and this does have an effect on stock-holding." More than 10 million of the £2.25 figures have been sold since their launch in September 1995, and they were the third top-selling toy in the UK last Christmas, behind Action Man and Barbie

But choosing which players to feature can be an expensive gamble at £1,000 per man for development and production costs. Six months is the minimum time it takes from the decision to produce a model to

recent record of many new arrivals, no figures were produced for Sunderland, Derby County or Leicester City this club's first season in the top division may not be marked with a figure of even one of their players, but Bolton's quick return to the Premiership is good news for Corinthian. After a year, quite literally, in the shadows, Bol-

Pearce, Ravanelli, Juninho and Dicks await their fate

Lewis gets go ahead to take on Akinwande

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LENNOX LEWIS will defend his World Boxing Council heavyweight championship against Henry Akinwande at Atlantic City, New Jersey, on July 10. The bout will be staged by Lewis's promoter. Panix, together with its American associate, Main Events. Panos Eliades, the head of Panix, concluded the deal yesterday after signing agreements with Don King, the American promotor, HBO. the American cable television company, and Sky Television, which will show the bout at

pected to be one of the 11.59pm. Eliades said that Lewis was company's top sellers, but a delighted that his company ment of finished Keegans had had secured the bout and was happy to get on with the left the factory in China for the contest, to get it out of the way and prepare for his next contest, which he hopes will be ted. Booker said: "It's just one of those things we have against Evander Holyfield. learned to live with in our Lewis is confident that Holyfield will beat Tyson The first season in the again when they meet on June Premiership for promoted 28. Lewis is already training in clubs can have many pitfalls Miami and will move next for the company and, with the week to the Pocono mountains in Pennsylvania.

Eliades added that he had been in talks with King for a month. King wanted to come to an arrangement as he did not want to go to purse offers for fear of having to bid more than the fight would be worth to secure it. He offered Lewis \$6 million (about £3.7 million) to sign a deal, but Panix offered to buy the promotion by making King a counter-offer, which is believed to be in the region of \$3 million to stage the show and the American promotor readily agreed.



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